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Parents angry as schools are shut

PARENTS condemned as 'mad' the teachers' strike that saw at least 39 Dudley schools closed and more than 20 others only partly open.

Union members organised picket lines and rallies on Tuesday to express their anger at pay, pensions and working conditions.

But as nearly 40 gathered to protest under Stourbridge town clock, some passing parents expressed their anger at being left to make alternative childcare arrangements for the day.

Butcher Stuart Walton, of Amblecote, whose 13-year-old triplets Joseph, Daniel and Victoria go to Stourbridge's Redhill School, said: "It's a disgrace.

"My wife's a pharmacist and couldn't just take time off so I have had to take the day off. I've no sympathy with the teachers."

A local mother, who did not wish to be named, said: "My sister's a teacher and I'm behind her – but I think it's unfair on us parents that they've gone on strike."

Martin Lynch, secretary of the Dudley branch of the NUT, said he believed that more than 1,300 of his members in the borough had joined the strike.

One, Oz Bennett, aged 38, who teaches design and technology and ICT at Summerhill School, Kingswinford, said: "However hard we work, it's never enough – they ar putting the squeeze on us."

Call goes out for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are neededto help make Alder Coppice Woods, Sedgley, a better place for local people and wildlife. Dudley Council has organised a action day this Saturday.

A wardens from Cotwall End Valley nature reserve will help out and teach some woodland coppicing techniques. The session runs from 10am to 1pm. Volunteers should meet at the Swallowfields Road.

Closure-threatened care home will be sold

Sell-off – New Bradley Hall care home

A RESIDENTIAL care home in Kingswinford threatened with closure will be sold after councillors revealed they cannot afford its running costs or £750,000 of renovations.

Campaigners who have fought for two years to save New Bradley Hall said they had hoped it would stay under council control. Dudley Council's adult services boss, Councillor Dave Branwood, said inviting tenders from not-for-profit organisations or social enterprise groups was the only way forward.

He claimed the decision removed the 'uncertainty' for residents and staff by guaranteeing a future for the home. Around 40 staff work there and the council said permanent jobs would be protected when they are transferred to the new operator.

Twenty elderly residents live at New Bradley Hall with some beds for respite patients. But it will be sold for use as a long-term residential home. The council refused to reveal the price it would be marketed for, saying it would be 'commercially sensitive'.

But Councillor Branwood vowed not to sell to a private firm which could close it and redevelop the site and said legal covenants would be inserted to ensure it stays as a residential home. He said the council had listened to more than 5,000 people who had signed a petition demanding it stay open. "The people living and working at New Bradley Hall are at the heart of these proposals," he said. "They have lived under the cloud of uncertainty for too long."

Campaign leader Mac Scott said they had wanted the home to stay under council control. "It is a quick fix and a quick way to resolve their responsibilities when in fact they are still selling off the home," he said.

"Despite saying they would consult with us we were only invited to one meeting and today they have turned around after telling us nothing for months and said: 'here you go take it or leave it'."

TRIBUTE PAID TO HIT-RUN VICTIM

TRIBUTES have been paid to a man who died after a suspected hit-and-run accident ins Dudley.

The victim, who died at the scene in The Parade on Friday night, has been named locally as Darren Smart.

A man voluntarily attended Dudley police station over the weekend to speak to officers as part of the investigation.

Mr Smart is believed to have been aged 39 and a former pupil of The Dudley School which has since become Castle High School.

He lived in Elm Road, on Dudley's Priory estate, where he had grown up.

Tributes were paid by James Bridges, a father of four and self-employed vehicle recovery worker.

Help

The 35-year-old, who also grew up on the Priory estate, said: "He would always stop and say hello. He was always very polite. He was a well-known, well-liked guy."

A neighbour, who did not wish to be named but said she went to school with Mr Smart, said: "He was one of those types of people who if you needed help, would

by Adam Grinsell

always help you." The man who voluntarily attended Dudley Police Station over the weekend to speak to officers was not arrested and the investigation is ongoing with police appealing for witnesses.

One woman who lives nearby, who did not want to be named, was one of the first on the scene. She said: "I just heard something which sounded like some sort of bang, and I went out and he was on the ground.

"I then stayed with the man until the ambulance service arrived.

"There were four other people helping him out."

The collision happened at 8.50pm and Pc Jason Stacey appealed for the driver of white flat-bed recovery-style small lorry was or any other witness to contact police on 101.

1D cut-out heads for new hospital role

Store manager Louise Storey and senior visual assistant Laurie Smith with ambulancemen Simon Shipley and John Walters

YOUNGSTERS receiving hospital treatment will be helped in their recovery – by pop heart-throbs One Direction.

Life-size cardboard cut-outs of the superstar band have been placed in the children's ward and outpatients departments at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital to bring a smile to youngsters' faces.

It is the idea of volunteer Steve Ford, who works tirelessly to make the wishes of children treated at the hospital come true through the Wishing Well charity. He spotted the cut-outs at the Debenhams department store at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre where they had been placed for a promotion.

And the 54-year-old asked staff if he could have them for the hospital when the promotion ended and they agreed.

But transporting the cut-outs to the hospital posed a dilemma due to their size. An Ambuline ambulance was booked to transport the two cut-outs and they were placed on the two wards on Friday. Mr Ford said he had wanted it to be a surprise for both staff and children on the ward. "I saw the cut-outs and as One Direction is the band of the moment and one of them, Liam, is from Wolverhampton thought they would be a great addition."

Motorist fined for throwing

A DISABLED motorist screwed up a parking ticket and then threw it at a warden – and has now been slapped with a littering fine.

Steven Jones, of Kinswinsford, said he was upset the warden put the parking ticket straight into his hand, rather than on to his car.

And, in the following dispute, he confessed: "I screwed up the ticket and threw it back in his face. He had slapped it into my hand.

"He then said 'I'm doing you for litter as well' – and now I have received a fine for littering. I'll pay my £50 for illegal parking – but I won't pay the littering ticket."

Grandfather Mr Jones suffers with rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

He said the incident had taken place after he left his VW Polo away from the 'pay and display' area of Manor Park car park, off Market Street and behind Cool Trader, Kingswinford.

The 57-year-old, of Marley Road, had not displayed his disabled parking badge as he claimed there was no sign saying he should not park.

Councillor Tracy Wood, Dudley Council cabinet member for environment, said: "We issued Mr Jones with a £50 fixed penalty notice for littering after he was seen throwing the parking ticket. "

He has complained.

Three charged after attack

THREE men have been charged over an alleged attack near The Arena Nightclub, Stourbridge in June.

Benjamin Payne, aged 19, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, and water board worker Mark Flavell, 44, of Manor Road, Wordsley, face grievous bodily harm charge. Technician Ryan Claridge, 20, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, was also charged with assault and possessing an offensive weapon. They will appear before Dudley Magistrates' on October 18.

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HS2 'will affect other train services'

HIGH-SPEED rail will lead to slower journeys and fewer trains for passengers from Sandwell and Dudley rail station, a report has warned.

The £50 billion HS2 would have a serious impact on services connecting the station in Oldbury, used by people in Dudley, with London, the research shows.

HS2 will take away existing fast trains which provide direct connections to London Euston because long distance services will be transferred to the HS2 line.

The Taxpayer's Alliance (TPA) is calling for the project to be scrapped because of the spiralling costs and the detrimental effect it believes there will be on West Midlands travel.

It said Centro, the West Midlands passenger transport authority, is arguing for numerous additional services to maximise the benefits of HS2. The TPA said: "These services would require significant subsidy." It claimed that journey time from Wolverhampton and Sandwell and Dudley stations would be longer as a result of more stops.

Chief executive of the TPA Matthew Sinclair said: "The Government's own plans show how many towns and cities would be left with a worse service."

A Department of Transport spokesman said the report was 'blatant scaremongering'. And a survey by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Group said 71 per cent of its members believe high speed rail will have a postive impact in the West Midlands.

Official documents show HS2 will provide 26 more services a day between Wolverhampton and London Euston, but slower than the existing Virgin Pendolinos.

Boyfriend stabbed his partner in her stomach

A MAN who stabbed his girlfriend in the stomach with a knife has escaped an immediate jail sentence after a judge heard he had been forgiven by his partner, who wants a future with him.

Emma Horton suffered serious injuries when she was stabbed by 22-year-old boyfriend Nathan Glover. The knife went four-and-a-half inches into her bowel and she required significant medical attention to recover.

At a hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Glover admitted stabbing her outside a friend's house in Sedgley. As a basis for a guilty plea for unlawful wounding, he claimed the stabbing was unintentional.

He said the incident happened while he turned to speak to her. He had the knife in his hand to open the front gate as they were leaving the house in Rowan Close, Sedgley, on June 15.

She cried throughout the hearing before celebrating when Recorder Jonathan Edwards spared Glover an immediate prison sentence.

Earliest

Glover, who also admitted attempted burglary after demanding car keys from a nearby resident in a bid to get away, received a 15-month prison sentence, suspended for two years. He was also put on a domestic abuse programme.

The judge told him he could not have complained if he had been jailed but added: "You have displayed remorse, you pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity and most potently of all, the lady not only forgave you, but wants a life with you."

Glover, of Berrybush Gardens, Sedgley, admitted unlawful wounding after pleading not guilty to wounding with intent.

Mr Stephen Cadwallader, defending, said: "This was an isolated incident without any intention whatsoever."

Borough's archdeacon appointed

The Rev Nikki Groarke

A WOMAN vicar from London has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Dudley.

The Rev Nikki Groarke, who is currently at St Stephen's Church in Canonbury, Islington will take up the position with the Diocese of Worcester.

She will be licensed in Dudley at the beginning of January and will be installed as a Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

For the last five years she has been vicar of St Stephen's Canonbury.

She grew up in Worcestershire. "I am very excited to be coming back to my home county, after ministering in London for the past 13 years," she said.

Students back pictures plan

Dudley College students looking through the picture archive at the Express & Star

College students have given a firm thumbs up to the Express & Star's plans to put its photographic collection on the internet during a visit to the newspaper.

A group of photography students from Dudley College, led by lecturer Phil Brooks, visited the newspaper's head office in Wolverhampton to see the photographic archive first hand.

Mr Brooks said the visit was of great benefit to the students, who were studying for an advanced diploma in photography, but said that having the pictures readily available on the internet would allow students to take advantage of the archive far more often.

"The visit was of massive benefit and interest to the students, looking at earlier styles of photography, and generated a lot of discussion on the way back.

"The idea that there are a nearly a million photographs ready to be scanned is in itself fascinating, and the stories about Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters waiting outside the Express & Star offices in 1908 to get the FA Cup Final score was amazing."

Tia Lloyd, aged 17, from Sedgley, said: "I could have spent hours in there."

Relaunch of loyalty card for charity shop chain

A CHARITY shop chain is relaunching its loyalty card after a successful pilot scheme.

Beacon Centre for the Blind's pilot project was hailed a big success earlier this year.

It has now been relaunched in its seven shops across the region. The scheme was inspired by the success of those like Tesco Clubcard.

Tracey Ford, retail operations manager if the Sedgley-based charity, said: "For every £5 our customers spend in one of our shops, they will get a stamp on their loyalty card.

"Each card has 10 stamps and for each completed card, customers will receive a £5 voucher to spend in the Beacon charity shop of their choice.

"It's a simple scheme which is open until February 2014, and customers can collect and complete as many loyalty cards as they want. The revenue that comes from our shops is essential in supporting that, and we are grateful to our customers, those who donate goods and the volunteers who work in the shops, without whom we wouldn't be able to keep trading."

Beacon Centre supports people in the region with sight loss and has shops in Wolverhampton, Bilston, Bloxwich, Wednesbury, Cannock and Halesowen and the Sedgley centre.

Shoppers go for duchess

MERRY Hill shoppers have voted new Royal mum, the Duchess of Cambridge, the person whose home they would most like to take a peek around.

Known for her immaculately turned out look, 19 per cent envy her home sense, believing it to be a reflection of her relaxed style with everything in its rightful place, according to a survey by homeware-for-less retailer HomeSense, which is base in the Westfield shopping centre.

Partner judge

A PARTNER at law firm George Green has been named as an employment judge. Tim Lang will sit part time in the London North and West region. He has been a partner at George Green, which has offices in Cradley Heath and Wolverhampton, since 2003.

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Boost for homes in borough at village

DUDLEY is set to see the supply of new homes in the town boosted with the sale of a 4.76 acre former industrial site within Saltwells Nature Reserve.

There is currently outline planning permission for up to 70 homes situated off Saltwells Lane.

The Saltwells Village site is adjacent to Mushroom Green village and conservation Area, and is within walking distance of Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

It is being marketed for sale by Midlands-based agent Jon Flowith & Partner, with planning permission granted for the demolition of an existing 100,000 sq ft industrial unit at the gateway to Saltwells Nature Reserve, which was previously occupied by Kuehne & Nagel.

Jon Flowith, senior partner of Jon Flowith & Partners, said: "The plans for Saltwells Village look set to breathe new life into a former industrial site, giving Dudley homebuyers the very rare opportunity to live within one of the UK's largest urban nature reserves."

According to data from Zoopla, Dudley has been one of the top performing areas in the UK so far this year, with the average house price in the town rising by almost seven per cent over the last six months.

Elizabeth Flowith, senior surveyor said: "This is excellent news for homebuyers."

Waggon to roll in music

A PUB is getting into the swing of new music nights, with its first 'open mic' event and a forthcoming gig by an award-winning Shadows tribute group.

The Old Waggon and Horses, at Stourbridge Road, Ismere, between Kidderminster and Stourbridge, will host the open mic event on Friday, starting at 7pm. The pub is teaming up with the Wyre Forest VDub Club and is inviting local people to bring their acts along. Then, on October 13, starting at 8pm, Out of the Shadows will return to the Waggon and Horses.

Five days after the Waggon and Horses gig the band will receive an award from Worcestershire Entertainment Committee after being voted top club act in the county.

Conman jailed over fake bike ride for charity

Conman David Armson

A PROLIFIC conman who convinced people to sign sponsorship forms for a fake charity bike ride for Cancer Research has been jailed for 16 months.

David Armson had 81 convictions for fraud and deception going back to 2004, before he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Paul Reid, prosecuting, said the 24-year-old was spotted by an off-duty police officer on Bridgnorth Road, Stourbridge, on April 29, visiting shops asking for sponsorship. The court heard the officer 'was aware of his past'.

On this occasion, Armson, of Greenwood Avenue, Rowley Regis, was 'adamant' his name was Adam David Timmins and even produced a photo card driving licence.

He told the officer he was collecting for a Cancer Research bike ride he was going to do. Police however sent a fingerprint scanner out to the location. Mr Reid said inquiries revealed six businesses had donated around £15 before Armson's arrest and he was found with £42 cash.

Mr Reid said: "He initially said he had not collected any money that day but said he would be coming back to collect. The sponsorship forms also contained fictitious details which the Crown says was to encourage more donations.

"People had donated money in good faith believing they were giving money to Cancer Research."

The court was told Armson gave no comment in police interview. Mr Reid also said the defendant was subject to a suspended 16-week prison sentence for a similar ruse, imposed in October last year, when he tried his latest scam. The court was told that Armson pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court on July 29 of six counts of making a false representation to make a gain for himself, another charge of possessing or controlling an identity document with intent, and possessing an article for use in a fraud.

Mr Ecky Tiwana, defending, claimed there had been a 'sea change' in his client's attitude after he had been a chronic drug addict, starting smoking cannabis aged 12, and later moving onto heroin.

But Judge Walsh decided he did not deserve another chance from the courts, and activated the previous 16-week suspended sentence, as well as adding a further 12-month sentence for the latest fraud. Armson was also ordered to pay a £100 statutory surcharge.

Comic Lenny added to roll of honour before accolade

by Alex Ross

LENNY Henry has been added to the historic roll of honour at Dudley Council House – before he is presented with the Freedom of Borough.

The popular Dudley-born funnyman and Comic Relief campaigner will be at the town hall on October 9 to receive the scroll. Lenny said he was 'deeply humbled and honoured' to receive the award.

He will join a list of names which include mountain climber and peace campaigner MBE Bert Bissell.

The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, The Mercian Regiment and The 37th Signal Regiment have also received the freedom of the borough.

To mark the honour, each body and person's name is added to the historic roll of honour at the town Council House. Lenny is the first individual to get the honour in 13 years.

Honour – Lenny Henry

Puzzled

The former Blue Coat School pupil, who often uses the town in stage stories on his childhood, said: "I am deeply humbled and honoured to be receiving the freedom of the borough of Dudley. I know in my heart of hearts that if my parents were alive they would be a little bit puzzled but also incredibly proud of this achievement."

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "Lenny has helped put Dudley on the map and it is great to see his name added to the roll of honour."

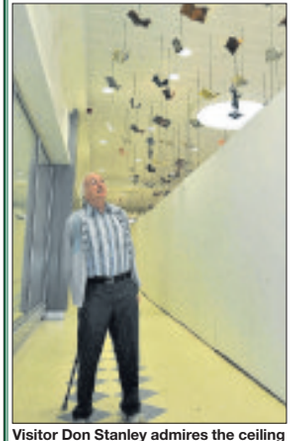
Lenny will receive the honour in recognition of his services to entertainment and his contribution to global fundraising.

Councillors voted to grant Lenny the honour in February. The idea was first proposed last September, but a decision was stalled after councillors asked for a criteria on who qualified to be an Honorary Freeman.

Conservative leader on the council, Councillor Patrick Harley, had wanted the criteria to only fit people who had made a specific contribution to Dudley and its residents, but his motion was defeated. Councillors then voted for Lenny to receive the honour.

In addition to his work as a comedian, actor and writer, Lenny Henry has also helped raise over £800 million pounds for charity over the last 27 years by being one of the founders of Comic Relief in 1985. The honour follows on from the CBE he received from the Queen in 1999.

Books ceiling display to Crown it all



Visitor Don Stanley admires the ceiling

Site manager Tom Stevenson at one of the new entrances at the centre

by Louise Jew

THE grand entrance to a £50 million new shopping and arts complex has opened to the public for the first time – giving visitors a tantalising glimpse of hundreds of 'flying' books.

People going into Stourbridge Town Hall and Library now step through an impressive grey steel and glass entrance with gold lettering, which will eventually be the way into the mall leading to the new Tesco superstore due to open on October 31.

At the moment, there is a partition which divides the way to the hall and library from the rest of the Crown Centre atrium. But visible through the gap at the top of the partition are the hanging steel 'books', with matching illustrations, created by Stourbridge artist Luke Perry.

Ceiling

One of the first visitors, 66-year-old Sue Jones, from Amblecote, Stourbridge, thought it was better than the gateway to Birmingham's new £189 million library.

"Our new Stourbridge Library entrance is light, bright and airy, whereas the Birmingham one is a black ceiling," said Mrs Jones.

The Market Street and Smithfield entrance to the town hall and library, which visitors had been using during the redevelopment of the Crown Centre for Tesco, are now closed for improvements, with a new ramp to be constructed by developers Bowmer and Kirkland.

Also visible now is one of two relief sculptures in steel of Annabelle Lily and Oscar Hamilton-Roderick, pupils from St James's Primary School, Wollaston, dressed in Victorian clothing, set into the wall.

Dudley Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "We are now in the final stages of completing this important regeneration project in Stourbridge town centre and the town hall and library remain open as they have done throughout the scheme."

NEWS in brief

Event at valley is put on hold

A MAJOR event to raise money for a Black Country mayor's charities has been postponed after poor weather was forecast and because of a lack of people signing up to take part.

Activities were set to take place over last Saturday and Sunday in Sandwell Valley Park, including a sponsored walk, mountain bike trail and family entertainment.

The event was being staged to raise funds for Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Linda Horton's two selected charities. It has now been put back until the spring.

Council spokesman Chris Horst said: "Due to lack of entrants and a mixed weather forecast, we've taken the decision to postpone the fundraising weekend until the spring when the weather is better.

"Sorry to anyone who is disappointed. We'll let you know the new date when we have it."

Jewellery fair is ready to sparkle

AN ANNUAl fair showcasing the work of Black Country artists will take place on Saturday.

Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road in Dudley, holds its annual art and jewellery fair from 11am to 4pm. Following the event, an exhibition for the work will be displayed in the centre's Old Library Room until October 11.

At the fair there will also be arts workshops. Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "It is an early Christmas shopping opportunity for people looking to buy something just a little bit special."

Firecrews called to computer blaze

A COMPUTER caught fire in a school as crews used a thermal imaging camera to help them put out the smouldering embers. Fire crews were called to Haybridge High School, Hagley, near Stourbridge, on Monday of last week.

Firefighters from Kidderminster arrived and used the thermal imaging equipment to pinpoint the hot spots. No-one was injured and only minor disruption was caused.

Quiz for charity

GRIFFITHS & Pegg's 13th annual charity quiz is at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, on November 11.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

POOR old devil, I thought, as a mobility scooter wobbled uncertainly towards me on the pavement, the driver hunched awkwardly over the handlebars, seemingly unable to lift his head. What terrible deformity makes somebody so bent? Turned out he wasn't deformed at all. He was texting.

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WHILE Labour and Tory politicians heap scorn upon Ukip, remember this: Ukip is their child. The Labour and Conservative governments created the policies on the EU and immigration which gave birth to Ukip. They sustained those policies with lies and deception which nurtured the growing infant. Today, Ukip is a stroppy adolescent with an awful lot of bad friends and its parents know that, before long, it will punch them very hard. That is why Fleet Street's finest, who support a two-party system, set out to scupper Ukip's conference. But I suspect most voters recognise an ambush when they see one, and may even sympathise with the embattled Nigel Farage. The EU Parliament elections are next year and, barring a disaster, I expect Mr Farage's party to give the Tories such a whacking that Call-me-Dave will feel a sudden urge to dump his adopted child Nick and embrace his true son Nigel.

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ED Balls, hoping to be the next Chancellor, says he would scrap HS2 if the costs rose. So is this the end of the line? Don't bank on it. There is a theory that Balls is merely "surfing the wave" of public opposition to HS2. Some readers may recall that in the 1990s John Prescott told protesters that a Labour government would not build the controversial M6 Toll, then known as BNRR, the Birmingham Northern Relief Road. Labour got elected. The road was built.

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THE Daily Mail's latest columnist, introduced with a huge fanfare ("wickedly mischievous!") a few weeks ago, is one Sarah Vine. In this week's offering she complains that her husband has "almost as many pictures of the late Margaret Thatcher in his office as there are of me and the children." Hubby sounds a bit weird, unless you happen to know that in private life Sarah Vine is Mrs Michael Gove, wife of the Secretary of State for Education.

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BLIMEY, you don't want to fall out with Stephen Fry, do you? A Daily Telegraph columnist spotted Fry chatting with an actor this week, at the same time as Fry was sending Twitter messages. The writer dared to suggest that Fry did not write his own Tweets. The truth is that "scheduled Tweeting" can send your messages at any time. Infuriated by the column, Fry responded with a raging, frothing, incandescent 1,000-word tirade which must rate as one of the greatest rants of all time. He peppers his online attack with the vilest insults against the hack ("this creep from the inner ring of Satan's rectum"), the Telegraph and the printed media in general. Do have a look at it. It is magnificently venomous and I guarantee you'll never think of Stephen Fry, formerly Jeeves the valet and now the camply erudite presenter of the quiz show QI, in quite the same way again. Don't tell him I said so. It's at http://stephenfry-me.tumblr.com/post/61754597917/some-weasel-of-a-telegraph-journo-wants-me-to-give-up.

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ED MILIBAND says a Labour government will prevent energy companies from raising their prices. This may look like bad news for the power generators but it's fantastic news for candlemakers.

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TEMPTED by a £25 M&S voucher, I took part in a phone survey on household insurance. I may not be getting the voucher because I didn't really answer the last question. They asked: "Are you satisfied with the level of cover and the service you receive from your insurance company?" I replied: "Can I answer that question the morning after the house burns down?" No-one knows how good an insurer is until something goes wrong.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Partying on after school's award win

Peppa Pig and centre manager Simon Baggott with two of the youngsters enjoying themselves

THE Kingswinford school is celebrating after being crowned as one of the best in the UK in the country's leading parenting awards.

The Water Street school in Dudley was voted as the top venue to hold a child's birthday party by mothers from all over the West Midlands from the UK's largest parenting site Netmums.com.

The award was made at the school's open morning which took place on Saturday, September 21. The Kingswinford School beat off rivals from hundreds of other schools and businesses across the West Midlands area to win the prestigious award.

Dubbed the UK's 'Parenting Oscars', more than a million parents and child carers were eligible to vote for the huge UK-wide prize.

Memories

Headteacher, Mrs Bronwyn Hedley, said: "As a school we are delighted to win this award and would like to thank everyone who voted for us."

Simon Baggott, centre manager, added: "We work hard to provide the best memories for children at their parties and I would also personally like to thank all parents who voted for us to make us the West Midlands winner!"

"To be crowned as the best in the West Midlands is fantastic news and we are so proud local parents love what we do and want the rest of the country to know about us too."

For more information on holding a child's birthday party, contact Simon on 01384 296596 or email sbaggott@kingswinford.dudley.sch.uk

Crash tragedy driver admits causing death

by Alex Ross

A MAN from Stourbridge has admitted causing the death of his girlfriend in a road crash. Thomas Whitehouse was driving a Vauxhall Astra when he hit a tree on the A449 in Cookley in December last year.

His 26-year-old girlfriend Samantha Jennings, who was sat in the front passenger seat, died in the crash.

At an inquest into the mother's death earlier this year, Mr Whitehouse said he could not remember the crash or the evening.

But appearing at Worcester Crown Court, Whitehouse, aged 23, of Burns Close, pleaded guilty to causing her death by careless driving. He also admitted to possessing cannabis.

A test following the fatal crash found no alcohol in Whitehouse's blood, but cannabis was detected, although it was unknown how much was taken.

Killed – Samantha Jennings

Reasonable

The pair had driven back from Birmingham and had picked up two people, including friend Leander Mock, who was sat in the back seat when the vehicle crashed.

At the inquest at Worcestershire Coroners Court in April, Mr Mock said: "I only saw Tom (Whitehouse) have one drink all evening and we were going at a reasonable speed not going above the limit." He said he had felt 'a bump' before the car started to skid and it felt like the rear tyres had left the road.

The inquest also heard that none of the car passengers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Miss Jennings, who is from Aldridge Close in Wordsley, died at the crash scene near the Island Pool pub, on December 8. She had two boys aged eight and nine and worked as a care assistant, looking after adults with disabilities.

She was a former pupil of the Glynne Primary School and Summerhill School in Kingswinford.

In a tribute following her death, her family said: "Sam was a caring person, an angel. Sam was vivacious, a party girl, who lived life to the full. She had the world at her feet, and was so happy."

Days following her death, her family suffered a second blow when thieves ransacked the home of her 83-year-old grandmother in Kingswinford. Whitehouse will be sentenced at Worcester Crown Court on November 29.

Star Tuffers bowls them over

Phil Tufnell with fundraising manager Sofia Voutianitis, and a signed photo to be sold

CRICKET star Phil Tufnell turned on the charm as he regaled them with tales from the Ashes and gossip from the dressing room to delight audiences at a charity bash.

The ex-England spin bowler, now a TV star, has become known as much for his off the field antics as his skills with a cricket ball. And there was much material to delve into as he took to the stage as after-dinner speaker at an event in Brierley Hill last night. Tufnell was guest at a fundraiser for the Midlands Air Ambulance and spinal injuries charity Trust PA at the Copthorne Hotel at The Waterfront. He happily chatted with VIPs, shared jokes with guests and posed for pictures ahead of dinner.

"I've spoken to quite a few cricket fans here tonight excited about the Ashes this winter. I don't think it is going to be quite as straightforward as this summer and I think it will be a lot tighter."

Air ambulance regional fundraising manager Sophia Voutianitis said: "It is wonderful to have Phil here and we have to thank Jilly Edge from Events with the Edge who organised the evening. We have to raise £6 million a year to keep the aircraft in the sky so we need all the support we can get."

Graffiti art skills wall unlikely to be rebuilt

A GRAFFITI wall knocked down by vandals at a park is unlikely to be rebuilt amid fears it would be targeted again.

The wall was built as a place for graffiti artists to practice their skills as part of improvements to King George V Park, in Wordsley.

But just hours after being put up by students from Dudley College, the wall was torn down by yobs.

Members of the Friends of Wordsley Park had worked hard to provide the wall for youngsters using the park.

Following the destruction during the early hours of Friday September 20, they said other options were now being considered for the scheme.

And while a final decision has yet to be made members said it was unlikely they would rebuild the wall.

Another option being considered is fitting a metal sheet to fencing around an existing multi-use games area at the park which youngsters could graffiti.

Ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley said it was a 'shame' the original plan was now likely to be abandoned.

"A lot of people wanted this wall to be built and had been involved in securing the materials and constructing it," he said. "The wall has been attacked once and is likely to be so again if we carry on."

Firm in scrap metal service launch success

A BRIERLEY Hill recycling business has seen growing demand for its free legal scrap metal collection service since its launch in the summer.

Mason Metals in Two Woods Lane teamed up with Dudley Council to offer the alternative to unlicensed collectors to pick up white goods such as cookers, dishwashers, washing machines and tumble dryers.

After the company's environmental and health and safety policies were approved its domestic collection team was able to start visiting Dudley Borough residents who were referred from the council's website.

Managing director Andrew Jones said it had been so popular that a daily collection diary covering specific local areas was now in place.

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I had to do it, bottom pincher told victim

A MAN has admitted squeezing women's bottoms as they walked across a footbridge – telling one victim: 'Sorry, I just had to do that.'

Joseph Peter Keenan, 20, targeted a 29-year-old woman on June 3 as she walked along a footbridge in Trindle Road, Dudley.

Dudley Magistrates heard Keenan had grabbed her right bottom cheek and squeezed.

Magistrates were told he had also squeezed a 22-year-old woman's bottom as she walked along the same footbridge on June 7.

The court was told the first victim had heard footsteps behind her and felt the pressure on her behind.

When she had turned to ask him what he was doing he walked off casually in the direction of Kates Hill.

Keenan, of Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said the victim was walking along the footbridge when shehe saw two men standing on the far end of the footbridge.

"As she passed by the defendant he grabbed the right cheek of her bottom and squeezed," Miss Gudgeon said.

"He told her 'Sorry, I just had to do that.' "

Keenan denied two further counts of sexual assault regarding two separate incidents in Watsons Green Road on May 23 and Caroline Street on June 5.

The case was adjourned until November 14 and he was given bail.

Welfare bus back on road

A 'WELFARE on wheels' bus is going back on the road this week offering advice to people affected by the recent changes to housing benefits.

The Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Association is sending the bus back out on the road and is also providing volunteers to help. Visitors will be able to ask about benefits, budgeting and moving home.

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing and community safety, said: "We took the bus around the borough in July and the response was very positive."

The bus will be at Market Place, Dudley,on Thursday and Asda car park, Brierley Hill, on Friday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Listed house is put on the market for £450k

The King Charles House ceiling

A GRADE II listed Georgian-style house standing in the shadow of Dudley Castle has gone on the market for around £450,000.

King Charles House, which was once part of the Association of Conservative Clubs, is seen by thousands driving through the town each year visiting the castle and zoo.

In recent years it has been the headquarters for a business management firm and a conferencing centre used by Dudley Council.

But now the property, which stands at the top of Castle Hill, near St Edmund Church, known locally as Bottom Church, is going up for sale. Estate agency Bond Wolfe is managing the sale of the three-storey building and officials said it has had a varied history through the decades.

Benefit

Spokesman Paul Bassi said: "The building is hugely impressive, and is something of a local landmark. It is an iconic building of great local architectural and historical interest.

"The property would benefit from modernisation throughout but offers a great deal of potential due to its unique characteristics and location.

The Castle Hill area is presently undergoing a £10m revamp to link attractions such as the zoo and Black Country Living Museum and boost annual visitor numbers towards one million.

It is believed King Charles House was once a manor house and still retains many fixtures and fittings. These include the cellar which has the original meat hooks and slate shelves that were used to store meat and cheese.

King Charles House –for sale

Nothing left for appeal on Luke's conviction – family

THEY remortgaged their home twice, have taken out a bank loan and are paying off up to four credit cards – but the family of a man convicted of killing his girlfriend are yet to raise a penny towards an appeal hearing to clear his name.

Luke Walker was convicted of causing the death of his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman while on holiday in Crete by a Greek court following a two-day trial earlier this year.

The 24-year-old has always protested his innocence and his family has backed him in his battle, which has proved costly in legal bills.

After his conviction Luke's grandmother gave her life savings towards a £8,522 bail surety to bring him home after he appealed, which resulted in an eight-year prison sentence being suspended.

But today, the family from Brierley Hill are yet to begin saving for the appeal hearing next year – instead they are still paying off debts accumulated from the initial trial.

A £17,000 solicitor's bill is yet to be paid from the trial and they are still paying off thousands of pounds in credit cards and loans.

Credit

Luke's older brother Ryan, aged 31, said: "We are in a nightmare – it's almost like we are beyond help right now.

"We want to save but we are so stretched at the moment by paying off the last trial and solicitors bills that we can't yet start putting money toward the next hearing yet.

"We're paying off three to four credit cards, a couple of mortgages and a loan – I think it is about £50,000 worth in total.

"We think the next trial is going to cost another £20,000 to £30,000 as we have to fly everyone out there, the witness and medical people – we have to pay for the whole lot.

"But we have to do it, we have to clear Luke's name. We have thought about what if we can't, of course, but we must believe. We're praying we win the lottery, or anything."

Ryan has moved out of his parents house in Gayfield Avenue, Withymoor, ahead of his parents Patrick and Lindy selling the family home to rent another property in the area.

He said: "We wanted the best possible defence, but it has cost us and now we are paying for it, plus we have to start all over again now. We've ended up losing everything, it's been a really difficult few years for everyone connected."

Ryan works alongside his father Patrick, runs Walker's Electrics in Brierley Hill.

"We hope the equity from the house will pay off the debts and leave us a bit of money for going back over there," said Patrick.

"We have to find somewhere to rent, it is sad, because everything we have done for our lives has gone. But at the end of the day it's our son and we will do everything for him to prove his innocence."

The jury at the Mixed Criminal Court of Heraklion heard how Chelsea, from Castleford in West Yorkshire, had died after she was taken to hospital with abdominal pains. Chelsea, who lived with Luke on the island, was pronounced dead on May 17 2010 from acute peritonitis, having suffered deteriorating health for a fewdays.

Greek prosecutors claimed she was beaten by Luke – but Luke said the injuries came from when she fell on a cobbled street during a night out 10 days before she died.

Luke was initially charged with murdering Chelsea, but this was downgraded to a lesser charge of grievous bodily harm leading to death. The appeal is expected to take place at the end of May next year.

Luke Walker with his father, Patrick, who, with the rest of the family, has continued to back him in the lfight to clear his name

Luke with his girlfriedn Chelsea Hyndman, age 20

Luke Walker leaves a court hearing in Greece along with friends and members of his family

NEWS in brief

Kittens found dumped in box

TWELVE kittens were dumped in a cardboard box on a car park next to a busy main road – prompting animal welfare charity bosses to appeal for information to trace the owner.

A walker found inside a towel-covered McCoy's crisp box outside Laser Quest in Amblecote High Street. They took the kittens, aged between six and seven weeks old, home before alerting the RSPCA the next day. It is believed the kittens, which were found last Tuesday, are from at least two litters.

They are now in good health and are being cared for a RSPCA Centre It is believed they were dumped between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday.

Five of the kittens are tabby and white while the rest are black with some white markings. Anyone who has information can call 0300 123 8018.

Thousands more bins to be sent out

THOUSANDS more homes across Dudley will be receiving wheelie bins for household rubbish from next month.

A total 40,000 households will havve the bins when the £2.5million project by Dudley Council is complete. It started on July 1 and from this month, the council will continue its roll-out with the second phase of homes to be included.

Residents will also receive two bags for paper, card, plastic bottles and cans as part of the expansion of recycling services.

Beer boost for mayor's appeal

A PUB has brewed up a treat for real ale lovers in aid of a good cause. The Old Swan in Netherton, known locally as Ma Pardoe's, has launched its latest ale, Golden Chains, in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's charities.

The golden beer will go on sale at the pub in Halesowen Road, Netherton, and dozens of other real ale pubs which receive its deliveries and are looking to support the charity venture.

Store start delay

PROPOSALS for a supermarket in Gornal are unlikely to be submitted until the New Year. If approved, it would be built on land in Zoar Street. But bosses said they were still waiting for legal teams to finish looking plans.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

SHOCK news from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which concluded last week that it was '95 per cent certain' that climate change, er exists.

A bit of a surprise really, because I'm sure most of us were expecting them to say something along the lines of 'we're pretty sure there's no such thing as climate change, so you can make us all redundant'.

Still, the news has got Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, a little bit rattled. He wants leaders of the world to come together next year for an international climate summit.

Of course he does. People like him love summits, don't they? Summits on world energy, a summit on sustainable development, a summit on the EU budget and no doubt summit for the weekend.

Still, at least we can expect it to be a little different from the usual run-of-the mill banquet and booze-up.

For a start, none of the delegates will be arriving on one of those filthy jumbo jets which pollute the sky. Instead they will all be packed like sardines into crowded transcontinental railway carriages, having arrived in mainland Europe or wherever by car ferry.

And instead of being chauffeured to the conference hall in a convoy of gleaming gas-guzzling limousines, the world leaders will all be making their entrance by means of 'sustainable transport' - which presumably means a bike. And what would you say are the odds of any of this happening?

Well a report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Flying Pigs has come to the conclusion that it is 'more than 95 per cent' certain that none of the above will take place.

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THIS week hundreds of commuters in London were greeted at the railway stations by anti-smoking campaigners in zombie costumes urging them to give up the cigs.

Given that this was the early-morning rush hour, perhaps they were trying to blend into their surroundings.

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CAN'T buy into all the scare stories that 'the lights will go out' if Ed Miliband goes ahead with his plans to freeze energy prices for 20 months.

After all, there were very tight regulations imposed on the energy companies after they were privatised 20-odd years ago, and it seemed to work then.

Trouble is, now that Ed has given two years advanced notice of his plans, the energy companies will almost certainly decide to get in first and put the prices up while they still can. Not that they need much encouraging.

Mr Hill and Brenda, who got wed in 1947

Just a number – prisoners of war at Changi Prison where Mr Hill was sent

Mr Hill's Prisoner medal at the front

Former PoW tells of horrific jungle ordeal

LOUISE JEW speaks to a true survivor, Ken Hill, who spent three-and-a-half years in captivity at the hands of the Japanese during the Second World War

TO THE Japanese, Ken Hill was just a number – 7601985 – forced to slave day after day on the infamous Burma railway, kept barely alive by stomach-churning rations of rice, with beetles and maggots as the only protein.

Amazingly, while thousands of his comrades fell victim to die from exhaustion or cholera, Netherton-born Ken is a true survivor who has made old bones, despite three-and-a-half years in captivity that reduced him to a near-skeleton.

He's now 92, with very poor sight, having also fought through three serious operations for ulcers and stomach cancer – possibly caused by his appalling abuse under the brutal Japanese thumb.

More than 70 years after he was captured, he still carries around his PoW number tag, light as a feather, in his back pocket.

It is not that he has dwelled upon his harrowing ordeal during the Second World War – he's had a 66-year-long marriage to wife, Brenda, raised two sons, lovingly tended his canalside garden in High Street, Swindon, near Dudley, and enjoyed a long career as an electrician.

It is only over the last few years that the great grandfather has opened up to family and friends about his horrific experiences and, following this month's 68th anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ) Day, he has spoken more freely.

He's never asked for any help.

Some years ago he was turned down for a war pension but he is now getting support from Blind Veterans UK, which he joined last October and which has arranged an alarm button for him to carry around his neck, a speaking alarm clock and breaks for him and Brenda at seaside hotels around England and Wales.

True survivor – war eteran and former Prisoner of War Kenneth Hill, aged 92

Ken joined the Territorial Army Field Workshop in June 1939, aged just 18, and at the end of 1941 he and his unit sailed to Singapore, where they set up a workshop to maintain guns.

In February 1942 the forces in Singapore surrendered to the Japanese after a siege, as soldiers scavenged in the streets in search of food and water.

They didn't given in with a whimper – and Ken recalls how, when General Arthur Percival surrendered, he and his colleagues took up their instructions to smash the machines in the workshop, scupper a large crane, drive lorries into a canal and burn their rifles to stop the Japanese getting their hands on them.

The corporal mechanic was imprisoned in the notorious Changi jail, near Singapore, where he briefly caught sight of his older brother, Staff Sgt Geoff Hill, who was also a PoW and survived his own hell in a prison camp in Borneo.

Ken said: "The Japanese showed us a shelf with five severed heads on it. They told us that it is what happens to looters."

Then followed a 250-mile march for Ken and his comrades through the jungle to the Burma border, where they started their slog to build the railway.

Ken faced many dangers in captivity – cholera, the threat of torture if he did not behave and even the fear of execution.

He said: "The brutality of the Japanese guards is well known and they would use the dreaded 'speedo' – a bamboo stick that they would hit people with as they yelled 'speedo, speedo,' to make them work faster.

"There were 7,000 of us to start with – but in the first six months 4,000 died and I don't think any more than 1,000 survived the war. I was lucky as I was young and fit. I remained healthy and that generally kept me safe."

It was the news of the atomic bomb attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima in August 1945 that brought about the end of the war in the Far East and secured the release of Ken and his comrades.

"That bomb saved our lives," he said.

Ken added: "At last it was time to return home and we boarded a boat for Southampton.

"Our first meal on board was rice. There was almost a riot but the captain explained that doctors said as we'd eaten rice for three-and-a-half years our stomachs wouldn't initially be able to take rich foods. They gradually built us up to eat properly – and I haven't been able to eat rice since."

It was only after he returned he realised the untold anguish his parents, Ernie and Elsie had been through. They had barely received notice that Ken and his brother Geoff were prisoners of the Japanese.

Now Ken marks VJ Day, as he has done every year, by thinking of everyone he knew during that awful time.

"I keep the steel plate with my name, rank and number in my back pocket to remind me. I do it for everyone I knew and for the thousands of men and women who lost their lives," he said.

Blind Veterans UK launched a 'No One Alone' campaign in October 2012 and wants vision-impaired veterans and their families to know that, if they have served their country, no matter in which conflict, they can get help, including training, rehabilitation and holidays at **www.noonealone.org.uk** or by phoning 0800 389 7979.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

SPEEDWAY fans were lucky to escape serious injury when a lump of concrete smashed through the roof of their coach from a motorway flyover. The Cradley Heath fans were returning from seeing their side race at Eastbourne when vandals hurled a 9in block of concrete from a bridge in Buckinghamshire.

GRANNY Hilda Fellows was tickled pink when she met comedian Ken Dodd and his merry band of diddy men. Mrs Fellows, from Walsall, was one of hundreds of fans who turned out to see the funnyman open Boardman's furniture store in Market Street, Wolverhampton.

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit rose to more than 3.1 million to give a new jobless rate of 13.3 per cent. The rise was mainly down to the number of school-leavers claiming benefit for the first time. In the West Midlands, unemployment rate rose to 16 per cent.

1993...

IN North Yorkshire it was reported that a 13-year-old arsonist was enjoying a round of 'adventure holidays' at the taxpayers' expense. As part of a two-year supervision order, the youngster, from Richmond, had spent two weeks at a summer camp in Britain, had been on two sailing courses, and had stayed on the shore of a Swedish lake.

STRIKES by Britain's firemen were 'inevitable' said their union leader. The Fire Brigades Union was about to ballot its members about strike action in response to a 1.5 per cent ceiling on public-sector pay rises. Home Secretary Michael Howard said there was no justification for giving firefighters preferential treatment. But FBU leader Ken Cameron accused the Government of putting the public at risk for a marginal amount of money.

2003...

WINDOW tycoon Carl Painter was one of the first potential investors to express an interest in taking Wolves over, after owner Sir Jack Hayward said he would be offering the club 'free to a good home'. The Wolves chairman said he would give the club free of charge if somebody came forward with a commitment to invest in the club's future. Mr Painter said he would be prepared to put £10 million into the club.

BRUMMIE Cat Deeley was to host the Royal Variety Performance, it was announced, with tenor Luciano Pavarotti sharing the bill with chart stars Busted, Westlife, Gloria Estefan and Donny Osmond.

SINGER Robert Palmer died of a heart attack, aged 54.

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LETTERS

Lots of trouble at the checkout

MYSELF and my 42-year-old mother were stood at the checkout at a branch of Home Bargains after a brief shop when the special offer of four bottles of Carlsberg alerted our attention as an ideal purchase for an upcoming family event.

As my mum had proceeded in beginning to put our items in a bag, she asked me to quickly pick up a single box of the lagers, which I did before placing them on the conveyor belt. When the frankly rude and abrupt employee at the checkout got around to scanning the lagers, she stopped and with a huff said: "I can't serve you these." When we queried why, the emp-loyee decided that because, I, as a 6ft 4in university student had physically plucked the 'restricted age items' from the shelf, my mum was unable to purchase them.

We were bemused, and left even more perplexed as we remained polite and decided against argument.

My mum then completed the transaction, before returning to the rear of the queue without me with a new box of lagers, only to be told uncompromisingly, 'you're attempting to buy these for someone under age, we cannot serve you'. Admittedly, I was not carrying any ID, but to refuse selling alcohol to a 42-year-old on the false presumption that I would be the consumer appears lacking in common sense.

Would there be a similar outcome if a child was asked to retrieve a bottle of wine from the bottom shelf for a parent/guardian unable to bend?

JOSH CRAMPTON, Warner Drive, Amblecote.

Hodge's top ideas for billions

I WAS delighted to hear Margaret Hodge on the Today programme suggesting that the HS2 budget would be better spent on improving the existing rail lines and trains.

She suggested a line from Bristol to Liverpool. Both ideas are excellent.

Therefore, would she and her colleagues not like the £40-80 billion for HS2 to be spent on returning trains and stations to the 13 miles of existing double track rail lines between Stourbridge, Dudley and Walsall in the congested West Midlands?

Or, completing the electrification of our rail network, started in the 1950 but, still not finished? Switzerland did theirs in the 1920s and 30s.

Or, turning our 19th century rail network of Victorian signal boxes (the one at Round Oak, Brierley Hill in Dudley was burned to the ground in the 1990s so that is one less). In addition, New Street Station is the rail bottleneck of the UK.

TIM WELLER, Halesowen.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Still buildings that need to be dealt with

I READ that Dudley Council has helped to bring about the opening of a new restaurant in Charlton House on the corner of New Street and Priory Street in Dudley. How much longer will The Crown on the corner of Wolverhampton Street and Priory Street remain empty?

I remember reading that they spent thousands 'doing up' that building, but it is a long-standing eyesore with muslin slung across the windows and no sign of occupancy. Anyone willing to say? Also, whilst on the subject of derelict buildings, what about Welcome Home Designs at the top end of Wolverhampton Street, also one of the gateways into Dudley? This building is anything but welcoming.

MRS L SHELDON, The Broadway, Dudley.

Selfish petrolheads

IT IS good to see that Dudley Council has decided to lock the car park gate at the Tenscore in Sedgley. This is because of certain people who have no care for others.

Petrolheads revving their engines and blasting their horns and, in some cases, smashing the small wooden boundary fence round the car park and driving on the grass.

Unfortunately, it spoils the chance of families using the Tenscore on a weekend because the car park is locked.

NORMAN D CADDICK, Upp'r Ettingshall Rd, Coseley.

Aid gripes are ignored

AS I have said before, Joe Public can shout about our money going to despots all they want but it falls on deaf ears. There are millions of people in our country this money should go to.

We are trillions of pounds in debt and what do the brains of Britain do, borrow more to send in the form of aid to a country that claimed they didn't need it? Get our country right and put us first Dave for a change.

JOHN PERKINS, Dudley.

Thanks for cash boost

THE members of the Stourbridge branch of the Royal Air Forces Association wish to thank everyone who supported us over the Battle of Britain weekend.

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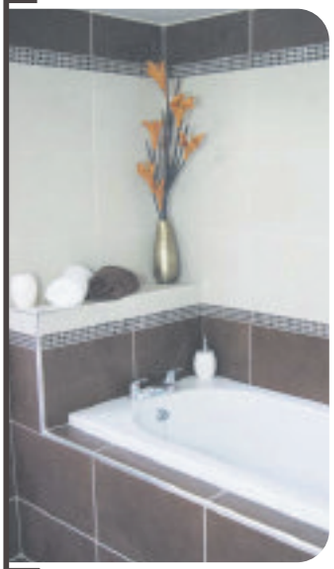

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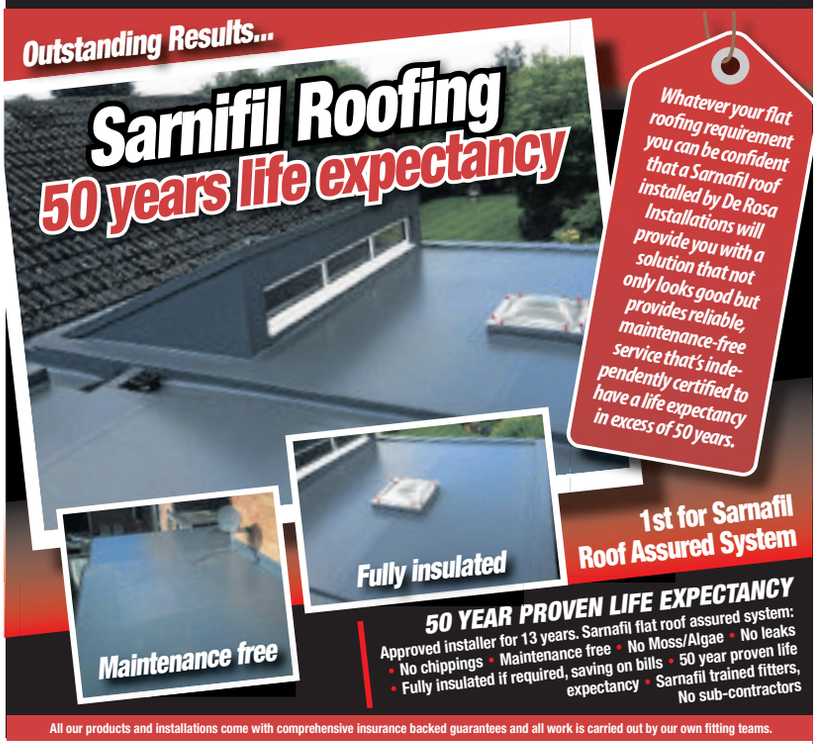

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NEWS

Special treat for zoo's red pandas

Trainee zoo keeper Johanna Turner delivers treats to a grateful recipient at the red panda enclosure at Dudley Zoo

LUCKY red pandas got all the cake they can eat for their special day at dudley Zoological Gardens.

The zoo celebrated International Red Panda Day on September 21, and cute and fluffy Yasmin and Yang, two of its most popular animals, will be joining in. Visitors were able to see feeding time, when keepers delivered the duo's favourite treats of bamboo sticks and lashings of 'panda cake' – a special mix of crushed leaves and insects.

People were also able to find out more about the secretive species, which is also known as the firefox.

Assistant curator at the zoo, Richard Brown, explained: "Yasmin and Yang are very popular with visitors who love their rich red teddy bear-like appearance, although the species is more closely related to raccoons and weasels than pandas as their name suggests."

Jewellery theft is admitted

A MAN has admitted breaking into a house stealing jewellery and electrical equipment.

Carl Shepard, aged 27, pleaded guilty to the burglary of a house in Birmingham Street, Kidderminster, on June 20 this year.

Shepard, of Churchfield Street, Dudley, also admitted attempted burglary at an address in Beech Park Drive, Barnt Green, on the same day when he appeared at Worcester Crown Court last week.

The case was adjourned until the week beginning October 14 after the court was told there were matters from other courts to be taken into account. Shepard was remanded in custody.

Jamie Matthews, also of Dudley and accused of the same charges, did not appear before the court and his case was adjourned until a later date.

In a separate case, Mark Toogood, 27, of Stourbridge Road, Dudley, admitted burgling a house in Belbroughton Close, Redditch.

The court heard he had stolen jewellery and electrical equipment.

He also admitted two charges of handling stolen goods, namely a Yamaha guitar and two laptops.

His case was also adjourned for matters from other courts to be taken into consideration.

Toogood is to be sentenced by the court on October 14. He was also remanded in custody.

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BMX girl's agony after motorbike hit and run

A SCHOOLGIRI has spoken of her agony after she was knocked off a BMX by a motorcyclist who rode away from the scene in Netherton.

Courtney Taylor, aged 14, was riding her friend's bike close to her home when she said she was clipped by a motorbike.

The Thorns Community College pupil was left dazed and in pain at the side of the road with a broken bone in her knee.

She faces a long period of rehabilitation with her leg in plaster and her family has called for the motorcyclist to come forward and speak to police.

The accident happened at around 8.15pm last Tuesday in Cradley Road.

Courtney had reached the junction of Primrose Road just 500 yards from her house in Old Level Way when she went to cross onto the opposite pavement.

Lucky

But she claimed the motorcyclist who was riding behind her struck her right leg, sending her careering off and skidding onto the road.

The teenager, who has just started her GCSEs, said she was lucky and just managed to pull herself onto the pavement despite the pain.

The motorcyclist briefly stopped as three passers-by went to her aid but she said he complained about injuring his hand before riding off without leaving any details or asking how he was. He was wearing a black coat and jeans but kept his helmet on.

Courtney Taylor, aged 14, who was knocked off her bike by a motorcyclist

"I was in shock really as I couldn't believe it and I'm sure he didn't have his light on as I looked and couldn't see him," Courtney said. "I was in so much pain. I needed painkillers every three hours in hospital."

Her mother Shirley Taylor, 36, said: "We don't know how someone could just leave her like that and not even check that she was OK."

West Midlands Police confirmed officers are investigating and are appealing for witnesses to call 101.

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Work start date is set for building of Lidl store

BUILDING of a controversial new supermarket is due to start in November with the store set to open its doors late next year, it has been revealed.

Budget chain Lidl was given permission for the new store on the Duckworth Trading Estate, in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, earlier this year.

by Lee Watton

And fencing has now gone up in preparation for work to begin at the site, which runs along a busy main road. The first phase of the scheme will see existing buildings at the site demolished and the land cleared to make way for the new store.

This work is expected to begin in November with the actual construction of the new supermarket starting soon after. Businesses and councillors in the area said this was the timescale they had been given for the scheme, which is expected to create around 40 new jobs.

Leader of the Dudley borough's Conservative group, and Kingswinford councillor, Patrick Harley said he was pleased to see work starting at the site. "My understanding is the plan is to open the new store towards the end of 2014 – certainly in time for Christmas of that year. I for one welcome this development. It will bring jobs and more trade into Kingswinford and that will be very welcome," he added.

A worker from nearby Kingswinford Auto Services said he too had been told demolition would start in November.

The scheme proved controversial following its announcement with bosses from the Mid-Counties Co-operative, which has a store in nearby High Street, hitting out at the scheme.

They feared the opening of a new supermarket could take shoppers away from the centre. But when agreeing the scheme councillors said they believed the town was 'big enough' to accommodate another supermarket.

Charity garden day helps cancer cause

Chris Barron, of the White House cancer charity, and Ashwood Nurseries manager Philip Baulk at the garden

PLANT lovers were given the opportunity to feast their eyes on a wide variety of beautiful blooms when a garden is opened to the public to raise cash for a cancer charity.

John Massey, owner of Ashwood Nurseries near Wall Heath, threw open his private garden in aid of Dudley's White House Cancer Support. The gardening expert was on hand throughout the day to answer questions from visitors on how to get the best out of their own plants.

White House, based in Ednam Road, Dudley, was named as Ashwood Nurseries' charity of the year and around £18,000 has already been raised through events. Mr Massey's garden backs on to Ashwood Nurseries, in Ashwood Lower Lane, Kingswinford.

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Actors prepare for a Du Maurier classic

AN AMATEUR dramatics company is opening the autumn play season with Daphne Du Maurier's classic – September Tide.

The Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society is performing the show at Kingswinford Methodist Church Hall, in Stream Road, from October 9 to 12.

The play is set in a comfortable house on a Cornish estuary where widowed Stella invites her daughter Cherry and her artist husband Evan for the first time.

She is shocked by the bohemian incompleteness of their marriage and finds herself attracted to Evan, and soon they are passionately in love.

Evan eventually compels Stella to admit her feelings.

The dramatics company is celebrating its 90th anniversary next year, having been set up in 1924. It has about 40 members, many of whom joined as teenagers.

Member Dink Widdowson said: "We're a successful group – while many others in our area have gone we still remain and attract good audiences to our productions.

"We try to vary our programmes – this one is a tale of love that is also a bit of fun."

Most

The group is busy preparing for next year's 90th anniversary celebrations.

Mrs Widdowson said: "We want to make the most of it because many of us may not be here for the 100th anniversary."

September Tide will be shown from 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced £7, can be purchased on the door.

Members of Wordsley Amateur Dramatics, Andrew Wood, Lisa Gregg and Steph Oakley, all from Kingswinford, who star in the Daphne Du Maurier classic

Mayor's XI is ready to kick off charity game

A CHARITY football match will be held this weekend to help net funds for the Mayor of mayor's charities.

Dudley Town Football Club's managers and coaches will compete against a Mayor of Dudley 11 in the charity match at The Dell Stadium on Sunday.

Councillors and council officers will come together to make up the mayoral team.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch said: "We were delighted when Dudley Town Football Club offered to host the charity match to help raise money for my two chosen charities.

"I hope people will come along and support the event and help raise as much money as possible." All money raised at the event will go to the Mayor of Dudley's two chosen charities which are White House Cancer Support in Dudley and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Stephen Austin, chairman of Dudley Town FC, added: "We were delighted when our own nominated charity, The White House, asked if we could take part in and host this charity game.

Hope

"I really hope the people of Dudley support this game."

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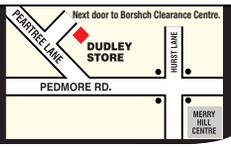

THE WAY I SEE IT

Labour's call on business tax damaging and will cost jobs

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"Ed Milliband is too weak to deliver on his promises. Nothing has changed. It's the same old Labour."

AT last week's Labour Party conference in Brighton, Ed Miliband confirmed that Labour will go into the election promising tax rises and more borrowing.

Rather than saying how Labour would cut the deficit or fix the welfare system, Ed Miliband called for a damaging tax rise on business that would cost jobs and confirmed that Labour would spend more and borrow more.

And while we're forcing energy companies to put their customers on their cheapest tariffs, Ed Miliband would introduce an energy policy that would add £125 to the typical household's bill.

Worse still, research shows that Labour have made tens of billions of pounds of unfunded spending commitments in the three months since Ed Miliband committed to 'discipline on borrowing'.

Since promising discipline on borrowing Labour have committed themselves to £27.9 billion of debt-funded spending – more than £1,000 of additional borrowing for every household.

This shows that Ed Miliband is too weak to deliver on his promises.

Nothing's changed. It's the same old Labour.

They still want more spending, more borrowing and more debt – exactly what got us into a mess in the first place.

And it's hardworking people in places like Dudley and the Black Country who would pay the price through higher taxes, higher mortgage rates and higher bills.

The Labour conference showed how the unions have had their way.

They elected Ed Miliband as Labour leader and now they choose Labour's candidates and decide Labour's policies.

The country cannot afford a return to Labour.

The damage wrought on the economy by the last Labour Government was truly shocking, with the largest deficit in peacetime history as their shaming legacy.

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Although this Government has reduced the deficit by a third we must continue to reduce spending and make efficiencies if we are to eliminate the deficit and balance the nation's books.

The Government is currently consulting on changes to listing arrangements for magistrates' courts in the new Black Country Local Justice Area.

The consultation includes proposals to centralise types of work at individual courts, taking into account changes in workloads, in order to make more efficient use of courtrooms and reduce waiting times.

These proposals would impact Dudley.

The consultation closes on October 21 and all responses will be taken into account before any changes are implemented.

If you would like a copy of the consultation document, or to respond, e-mail wmwjco@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk with Black Country Listing Consultation in the subject field (Dudley South residents should copy me in) or write to Acting Deputy Justices' Clerk for the Black Country, Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court, North Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1RA marking the envelope 'Black Country Listing'.

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At the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester this week I'm expecting positive announcements on transferable tax breaks for married couples – something I've been pressing for for many years – along with other measures to help hardworking people in places like Dudley and the Black Country.

My article on deregulating to help our economy grow in the conference edition of Conservative Way Forward's magazine can be read on www.chriskelly.mp.

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I've been out delivering freepost surveys to residents once again.

I called into the Royal British Legion Club on Summerhill in Kingswinford to see the recently installed defibrillator which will undoubtedly save lives over time.

I also called into Age UK Dudley's Merry Hill activity centre to celebrate the latest round of lottery funding for the charity's local springboard project with Fran Cartwright.

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NEWS

Scout Ben gets royal approval with award

by Alex Ross

A TEENAGER who has overcome a degenerative bone condition to be a leading example at his scout group has won a national award – and the chance to meet Prince Harry.

Ben Hart was aged just five when he was diagnosed with Perthes disease.

But the teenager, who lives in Pedmore near Stourbridge, has been able to bounce back from the crippling condition to complete numerous scout challenges.

He completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition in extreme pain in the Forest of Dean before, more recently, finishing his Queen's Scout Award.

Ceremony

He has been honoured with the Cornwell Scout Award.

He was then nominated for inspirational young person of the year – a category in the Wellchild Awards by his Explorer Scout group leader Mike Randle.

This culminated in Ben, of Drew Crescent in Pedmore, being invited to a ceremony in London – where he won.

He also got to meet Prince Harry, who was at the awards at the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane to hand out the accolades.

He said: "It's funny – I sometimes think why do this all for me when I have just got on like everyone else?

"On the other hand I sometimes think it's great to be recognised for what I have done.

"It's good to see something handed out to young people too. You don't see much positivity in the news for young people so I definitely am happy to welcome this," he added.

His mother Helen, 45, a teacher at Pedmore Technology College, said: "I'm thrilled for Ben, he is so very humble about all this.

"He thinks he's just a normal person, but he has done so well considering what he has faced since being a child."

Mike Randle, the Explorer Scout Leader who nominated Ben, said: "Ben has thrown himself into helping others, always willingly and with a smile on his face."

Pride – Ben Hart, aged 17, with award he received from Prince Harry

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Brush up on techniques at series of art classes

BUDDING artists keen to learn new techniques to bring their work to life are being urged to sign up to new classes.

The courses are taking place at venues across Stourbridge and Halesowen aimed at inspiring people to get creative on canvas.

People will be able to learn a range of techniques from Stourbridge professional artist Pascale Bigot, who has exhibited and taught adult education classes for 15 years. All levels of skill are welcome at the classes, which started last week.

Each Tuesday classes are at The Talbot Hotel, in Stourbridge High Street. The class will take place 10am and 12pm teaching landscapes in soft pastels, learning about drawing and composition.

The second class will be from 12.15pm to 2.15pm in the same venue, focusing on polymer clay creations such as jewellery and contemporary bowls.

A class is also taking place each Wednesday at Quinton Methodist Church, Ridgeway Avenue, Quinton, Halesowen, from 10.30am until 1pm, following techniques used by Matisse. Pascale will host a class on Thursdays at Long Lane Library, Long Lane, Halesowen, between 10am and noon on drawing and shading movement.

For details, call 01384 444939.

Learner Susan Lisseter, Pascale Bigot, who holds the art classes, and Judy Hill, show off their items

Lecture to look at village's golden age

LOCAL historian Terry Church is taking a look at the 'golden age of village life' in the 24th Andrew Barnett memorial Lecture on Thursday October 10. The event, hosted by Sedgley Local History Society, takes place at St Andrews Church in Bilston Street, Sedgley.

Mr Church said he was determined to put Wall Heath on the map and will talk about two of the most important decades of the last century, the 50s and 60s. He will be capturing those years with stories of school, the world of work and recollections of both local and national headlines.

Among the subjects he will be highlighting are the Cold War, 1953 and the Coronation, Lego, Baggies winning the FA Cup in 1954 and 1968, Wolves' success in the cup in 1960, the assassination of President Kennedy, England's World Cup heroes and the first man on the moon in 1969.

Admission is £1. Annual membership of the society costs £5 and gives free access to the programme of talks.

● Andrew Barnett was headteacher of Red Hall School, Lower Gornal, and was co-founder of the society. His book Barnett's History of Sedgley is available in local libraries.

Addict stole to pay for heroin

A 'COWARDLY' drug addict who stole bikes from two young boys to feed his heroin habit has been locked up for 22 months.

Scott Harris struck twice in less than two weeks targeting children aged 11 and 15, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. Then the 28-year-old sold the machines for a pittance which was then squandered on drugs, said Mr Neil Ahuja, prosecuting.

by John Scott

Harris wrestled a £300 cycle from the horrified 11-year-old after starting to talk to the innocent victim who was playing at a BMX jump park in the Black Horse recreation ground off Cradley Road, Netherton on August 10, the court heard.

Mr Ahuja added: "The defendant was speaking to the young boy and then forcibly snatched the bike from the grasp of the child and quickly drove away."

Spotted

The bike was sold for £20 and has never been recovered.

Harris, who was on bail following his arrest for a similar offence committed less than two weeks earlier, was detained again three days later.

He had taken the bike of a 15-year-old boy that he spotted left unlocked outside an address in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, on July 31.

Harris was later spotted on the missing machine and followed to another property in the same street where his girlfriend lived, added the prosecutor.

Police were called but the bike had been sold for £10 by the defendant before officers could get to the scene but he took them to the house of the man who had bought it and the stolen cycle was recovered, the court heard.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, conceded: "Regardless of his addiction to drugs, this was a cowardly offence."

Harris from Ladywood Close, Quarry Bank, who had previous convictions for burglary and cycle theft, admitted robbery and theft.

He was jailed by Recorder Martin Butterworth who told him: "You targeted young children thinking that stealing from them was a simple and easy way to feed your drug habit.

"You seemed to believe you could do this with impunity."

Appeal over theft of bike

AN APPEAL has been made after a bike was stolen from Wolverhampton train station. The bike – a grey, white and black Carerra model – was secured to cycle racks on platform one at the station and belong to a 40-year-old Dudley man.

CCTV which shows the cycle being taken at about 3pm on Sunday August 4. Officers said they would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the theft, or who may have seen the bike to call British Transport Police on Freefone 0800 40 50 40 or text 61016.

Man faces drugs charge

A SUSPECTED drug dealer has appeared in court after police stopped an alleged heroin deal in Lye .

Keyon Holgate, aged 21, of Abbey Street North, Hockley, was stopped near the junction of Crabbe Street and Crosswalks Road and charged with possessing drugs and intent to supply.

He also faces charges of dangerous driving and driving without insurance, and appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court on Thursday. He will next appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court to face the charges on December 20.

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NEWS

Builder's thanks on rubble rescue

A BUILDER has relived the terrifying moment when a wall collapsed burying him face down beneath a pile of bricks and rubble.

Peter Davies, of Brierley Hill, had been helping his brother take down the wall at the graveyard of Spring Meadow Church, Old Hill, when it suddenly became unstable.

The 40-year-old suffered a severe leg fracture and a compression fracture of his spine. He was rescued crews from West Midlands Ambulance Service and recently paid a visit to the trust's headquarters in Brierley Hill to thank them in person.

Surgery

Mr Davies, a self-employed builder, spent four weeks at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital undergoing surgery on his injured leg. He was also treated at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. He said: "I remember the wall falling down and I remember seeing the first paramedic. I also remember the people in orange (the air ambulance paramedic and doctor) and I remember asking if I was going to die and hearing the answer 'no'. That is all I can recall."

He added: "I was delighted to come to the headquarters and say thank you to everyone in person. It is a good feeling to meet the people who have helped you. I want to thank everyone for everything they did that day.

"Footballers get paid a lot of money but it people like these truly worth their weight in gold, 10 times over."

The team – from left, call taker Lucy Beardsmoor, paramedic Peter Boaz, area support officer Martin Eaton, technician Darren Roberts, responder paramedic, Rachael Watkins, with front, Peter and Debbie Davies

Birmingham-based paramedic Peter Boaz, was part of the ambulance crew that attended and said: "It's humbling to see Peter and Debbie again and for them to take the time to come and thank us in person.

"We wish him all the best in his journey to recovery."

Historic works site on sale

AN INDUSTRIAL site in Stourbridge that dates back 120 years is being sold for redevelopment.

Worcester-based agents Halls Wilkins Commercial is handling the sale of Titan Works, a 3.24-acre site on Old Wharf Road.

The former engineering works is sited close to the town centre and alongside the historic Stourbridge Canal T

he site has exciting development potential for residential, retail, leisure and commercial uses, subject to planning, according to Halls Wilkins commercial partner Rob Champion. Old Wharf Road is off the A491 Stourbridge to Kingswinford Road known as High Street.

The property comprises two land parcels to the north and south of Old Wharf Road.

Workshop

To the north is a collection of industrial and manufacturing buildings with associated offices, which was originally the headquarters of engineering firm Jones & Attwood. To the south, open car parking land and a disused weighbridge front the canal.

A further 1.35 acres comprising a single-storey 11,423 sq ft industrial workshop is also available. There are two small yards at either end of the building and an area of open storage land between the building and the canal. Mr Champion said: "Titan Works is no longer suitable for longer term industrial and manufacturing uses and the opportunity therefore exists for alternative uses to be explored, subject to planning. The site lies within an area identified for potential housing development."

Jones & Attwood opened the works in 1893 and added an iron foundry three years later and a second one in 1920. The company originally made gratings and pipe fittings and later moved into heating systems and sewage equipment. In the First World War its made water pumps that were used in the trenches.

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Accolades for college students

Jade Dowd-Guest is congratulated by Euphoria colleagues

STUDENTS were walking tall – with a little help from performers on stilts – as they celebrated their college successes.

More than 70 students at Dudley College were honoured at the annual Celebrating Success Awards, picking up accolades for their hard work and determination over the academic year.

They let their hair down with family, friends and tutors at a glittering ceremony held at the college's Broadway Campus.

Tutors were asked to nominate students they thought deserved recognition for their special achievements, and those who, through their sheer determination and effort, have reached their goals.

More than 300 guests were served cocktails and canapés in a marquee and entertained by college music students performing cool, sharp jazz, along with costumed characters dressed as 'stilt walkers' and 'Candy Dandy' hosts.

The characters were created by students from the Diploma Production Arts Level 3, who are studying costume, make-up and technical effects for film, TV and theatre. Among the winners was 23-year-old wheelchair bound Alex Giles, of Stourbridge, who earned a Contribution to College Life award.

He has gained his BTec Level III extended diploma in sport, FA Level 1 coaching in football and a sports leadership qualification and is now off to the University of Worcester to study sports development and coaching.

Alex, who was class representative and joined the Dudley Buddy' programme to help other learners, said: "From the day I arrived I knew it was the place for me to achieve what I wanted to do. They encouraged me to contribute advice on disabilities and sport, to join in other lessons and work with them."

He added: "It's much better than when I was a small child, when disabled kids were asked to keep the score. I can see there being lots of work that I can do to help." Among other award winners was Jade Dowd Guest, a hairdressing apprentice from Euphoria Hair in Wordsley. Jade, aged 18, from Stourbridge, said: "I took the apprentice route because I could get more salon experience. I've enjoyed it from day one."

Charity boost thanks to trio

Fiona Mellor, right, with her training partners, left, Katie Tomkins and Becca Roberts, at the Great North Run

A PROPERTY consultant has completed the world's biggest half marathon in under two hours, raising more than £550 for Stourbridge-based charity Max Appeal in the process.

Fiona Mellor, an Associate Director at Harris Lamb in Birmingham, trained hard for months to compete in the 33rd Great North Run in Newcastle upon Tyne, calling for sponsorship from friends, family and colleagues to raise funds for Max Appeal.

Max Appeal was founded by parents of children diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome/VCFS/22q11.2 deletion.

Fiona said that the charity, which is run by a team of dedicated volunteers needed all the awareness and support it could get when it came to educating people about the syndrome, and that knowing someone who had lost a son to the illness had cemented her decision to run for them.

Fiona ran with her training partners Katie Tomkins and Becca Roberts, both of whom also ran to raise funds for Max Appeal.

Grateful

"I do a lot of running, but the Great North Run has been a long-held ambition of mine. As the biggest half-marathon in the world, it has a real status about it, and taking part was fantastic.

"While the weather wasn't the greatest, it wasn't as bad as the forecast had led me to believe, and I was grateful for that. There was a great atmosphere and I loved every minute.

"I completed it in under two hours – 1 hour and 58 minutes to be precise, so I was delighted with my time – I was only 58 minutes behind Mo Farah! I also managed to raise more than £550 for Max Appeal, which will contribute to the charity's work in raising awareness and research into treatment for children diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome."

Fiona is now continuing her training to compete in the Birmingham Half Marathon in a couple of weeks with a team of colleagues from Harris Lamb.

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Peter's sweet shop in Castle Street, seen just before it closed down in 1969, no doubt frequented by young Des

A typical street in Kates Hill, Dudley, near to the school

St Edmund's Church's clock was visible from the Baylies Charity School, Tower Street

Watson's Green Road, Dudley – Des moved here with his family when he was young

Memories of school days followed article

by Carl Chinn

THE RECENT article about the early life in Dudley of Duncan Edwards has prompted Des Stokes to write in – as he knew the father of the acclaimed footballer 'who like myself used the Dudley Labour Club in Stafford Street'.

Des himself was born and raised in Dudley and shares with us his memories of his schooldays.

He points out that: "It is usually only in later years that our schooldays are looked back upon as the 'best years of our lives'. We rarely recall those days at school when we fervently wished we hadn't got to attend, and our thoughts were only on the next school holiday.

"Apart from a short time at Kates Hill Infants, (which in those days was known locally as 'the Board School'), my schooldays were spent at the Baylies Charity School.

"It was many years before I discovered that 'Board School' did not imply that Kates Hill formerly took in boarders or had been constructed of timber, but was instituted by a body named the Board of Education prior to being under the jurisdiction of the Local Education Authority.

"It was this later authority which decreed the family had to be rehoused from 'The Huts'. These were properly named municipal dwellings and originally were built for workers at the National Munitions Works during the 1914-18 War. We moved to the Watson's Green area, and it was not possible for my further education to follow the same path as my brothers (I was the youngest of five). 'You must understand, Madam, that you no longer dwell in the catchment area of Baylies Charity School' was the view of the LEA.

"This view was not shared by my mother who offered the ultimatum 'If you can find me a school with better teachers and a better headmaster than Mr Perry, then me youngest might go there, otherwise he goes where 'is brothers 'ave gone'.

"Very few people won an argument with my mother (a sentiment with which I'm sure my late father would have agreed) so circa spring 1931 I was having my first lesson in the front playground of the school in Tower Street.

Numerals

"The first lesson always took place in the playground. 'Learn about the school' said Mr Perry. 'Look at those two stone statues of boys who came here before you and look at that row of letters reading MDCCXXII. Yes! They are called Roman numerals and they show that this school has been here since the year 1732.

"Now, about those two boys, they are wearing the school uniform of those days, when the school became known as the Round Cap and Long Coat School, notice that one boy is wearing his cap, the other has his cap in his hand.

"Just over there is the Church of St Edmund's, with its striking clock. Now! Every time those boys hear that clock strike midnight they change the positions of their caps – one puts it on, the other takes his off'.

"Having carefully checked the positions of the caps before entering school during the next few days, I suggested to my elder brother, who was in a higher class, that even a headmaster could be guilty of telling fibs. 'Of course he isn't' was the reply. 'The only reason they haven't changed their caps is that they haven't heard the clock strike ever since they've been stuck up there'.

"As was the case of all newcomers, I was duly assigned to Miss Davies's class. How Miss Davies came to be connected to this otherwise all-male establishment was never made clear.

"Some of the boys said it was because she was even older than the school, but she continued to be 25 per cent of the teaching staff until she eventually retired in the mid-30s.

"A male teacher with the appropriate name of Mr Newcombe was appointed to restore the staff to its full establishment of four teachers, Mr Lee and Mr Harvey (who was generally recognised, if perhaps not officially appointed, as deputy head) being the other long-serving incumbents.

"No-one who dared to compile a staffing list of the school would be brave enough to omit the name of the formidable Mr Hampton, the school caretaker who lived in one of the small terraced houses in Tower Street.

"His responsibilities appeared to comprise mainly of maintaining the strict discipline required from all pupils, in addition to dealing with the many problems associated with the ancient coke-fired boiler.

"I left school aged 14 in 1937 when it was still very much the same as when I first joined it. Mr Perry was still headmaster (although headteacher would be a more accurate description, as headmasters were then expected to actually do some teaching).

"I believe he served his first few years as the headmaster of Wolverhampton Street School, but found some time in the early war years to run a Baylies' Old Boys Club."

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CLUB NEWS

Minute's silence for a founding member

WOLLASTON TWG

IN THE absence of the chairman, vice chairman, Hazel Needham opened the September meeting.

She welcomed fifty members and one visitor, then read out the list of apologies. A minute's silence was obs-erved for Jean Andrew, a founder member who was very active in all sections including the choir.

A number of members attended her funeral. This was followed by the sub-section reports, which included the announcement that Jill Perry had been the victor in the bowls competition, with newcomer Ann Foxall, a very creditable second.

The skittles evening on October 16 at the Stourbridge Institute will cost £8. including a fish and chip supper. Numbers for this event are limited, and a board for names is in circulation. A board for names of members wishing to visit Chatsworth House on November 20 is also available. The cost of this trip is £20.50, with £5 deposit.

We were then entertained by Mrs Adrienne Jennett, who related how she and her fellow volunteers enacted realistic fire and accident incidents, in order to give members of the fire, police and paramedic services experience of dealing with such incidents.

Raffle prizes went to Ann Foxall and Sue Carless.

Blossoming crowds

Crowds attend the show held at the Wall Heath venue

WALL HEATH HORTICULTURE GUILD

WALL Heath Show was a roaring success on Saturday September 14, held at the village community centre.

Jointly organised by the village's Horticultural Guild and Flower Club, the 67th show was opened by Councillor Dave Tyler in front of a packed audience.

Councillor Lynn Boleyn also attended along with Natasha Millward, parliamentary candidate for Dudley South. The show featured more than 80 competition classes including flowers, fruit and vegetables. Councillor Tyler said: "This was the best annual show yet with a fantastic turn out".

Delightful supper

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

ON SEPTEMBER 5, chairman, Sheila Evans welcomed all present and hoped everyone had enjoyed their August break.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports from the July meeting. These were approved and signed.

The members then enjoyed a delightful harvest supper which had been prepared by the committee. After the meal, Sheila and Linda auctioned the variety of produce which had been given by the members.

The amount raised was £80 which will be given to charity.

Speaker who left her mark

DUDLEY S'TH LUNCH'N CLUB

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed back 36 members and three visitors following the summer break.

Great changes had taken place at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath during our absence and lunch was served in the newly refurbished white front room.

Speaker Sue Clegg was excellent with her talk entitled "The World of Finger Printing". Sue, a retired police officer, was the first woman fingerprint expert in the country.

Everyone has a different fingerprint, the lines of which go through the flesh and last a lifetime. DNA can be the same in identical twins but not their fingerprints.

She mentioned the notorious Black Panther whose print was left in a small exercise book near the body of Lesley Whittle. He was eventually caught and his prints matched.

Meetings are held the second Friday each month, comprising a three-course lunch, speaker and raffle. In October the Rev Stephen Buckley will talk about his life from Stage to Pulpit.

On December 5an outing has been arranged to Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton to see their Christmas decorations and the acclaimed Bel Canto Singers will entertain following the December lunch. Visitors are most welcome – for more information ring the Secretary on 01902 372984.

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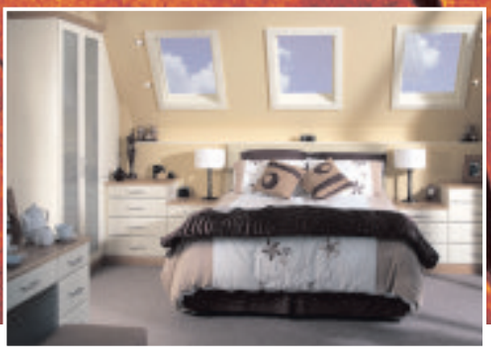

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Spooky events coming to get your fangs into

HALLOWEEN is a few weeks away but already some theatre companies are determined to give audiences a fright.

Black Eyed Theatre Company bring a highly theatrical adaptation of the classic Dracula to the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton from Monday to Wednesday (October 7-9), including a matinee on Wednesday for those afraid of going home in the dark.

As Dracula's shadow looms over England, a small group of young men and women, led by Professor Van Helsing, face a struggle with the undead.

Exciting

Director Eliot Giuralarocca said "It's a fabulously talented cast with a muscular new adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel by John Ginman and original music by Ron McAllister. We have all the ingredients needed to create something exciting, memorable and thought provoking."

Tickets for Dracula are priced at £11 full price, £9 concessions and £5 for the matinee performance. They can be purchased at the box office on 01902 321 321 or at www.arenatheatre.info

Meanwhile, Don't Go Into The Cellar present a reading of M R James's ghost stories in Warnings To The Curious at the Bookmark Bloxwich Theatre in Elmore Row tomorrow night (Friday) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 (£6 cons). Call 01922 655900.

Fashion guru in panto debut but not as 'fairy Gok mother'

The Illusionists, from left Jinger Leigh 'The Enchantress', Philip Escoffey 'The Mentalist', Jeff Hobson 'The Trickster', Dan Sperry 'The Anti-Conjurer', Kevin James 'The Inventor', and Mark Kalin 'The Gentleman'

Expect the unexpected

A MAGNIFICENT seven magicians join forces for a mind-boggling night of trickery when The Illusionists arrive in Wolverhampton next week as part of their world tour.

Each illusionist is a master of their field, ranging from mind-reading to escapology. They include Dan Sperry – The Anti-Conjurer – who is a master of shocking illusions. Jinger 'The Enchantress' Leigh and Mark 'The Gentleman' Kalin will make the impossible seem real, whilst Philip Escoffey – 'The Mentalist' – will apparently be invading minds in the audience.

Jeff 'The Trickster' Hobson blends magic and comedy while Kevin 'The Inventor' James is a master of deception. Andrew Basso – 'The Escapologist' – is set to impress with his death-defying escapes. Expect to be baffled and, most of all, expect the unexpected.

The Illusionsts are at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday, October 8. Tickets range from £32.50 to £40 plus fees. Call 0870 320 7000 or www.wolvescivic.co.uk

FASHION guru Gok Wan was joined by fellow panto stars Stephanie Beacham, John Partridge and Danielle Hope as Birmingham Hippodrome's revealed details of its big festive show Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The 39-year-old TV presenter from Leicester will be making his pantomime debut starring as The Man In The Mirror, while John Partridge, best known for playing Christian in EastEnders will play the handsome Prince.

Danielle Hope, 21, who won BBC TV's talent show Over the Rainbow to star as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium, will be starring as Snow White.

Ventriloquist

Screen actress Stephanie Beacham, who appeared in Dynasty, will be the focus for boos and hisses as The Wicked Queen. West End regular Gary Wilmot is playing a Dame for the first time and ventriloquist Paul Zerdin plays Muddles.

No actual dwarfs will feature in the production with the seven played by 'physical theatre' actors in special costumes.

The show runs at the Hurst Street theatre from December 19 to February 2. Tickets are priced from £12 to £39. Contact the box office on 0844 338 5000.

Birmingham Hippodrome panto stars, from left, John Partridge, Danielle Hope, Gok Wan and Gary Wilmot

REVIEW

Too many drums drowned voice

Dan Whitehouse
Crescent Theatre, B'ham

WOLVERHAMPTON'S singer and songwriter Dan Whitehouse launched his second full album before a sold-out Crescent Theatre where he appeared with a full band including, oddly enough, two drummers.

Not surprisingly he opened with a track from his new album Reaching for a State of Mind, Come To Me, which was overpowered by too much percussion.

With both sets of drums banging away, Dan's voice was a little lost and the harmonies of a rather nervy Harriet Harkcom were barely audible. This problem carried into with the next song The Light.

Harsh

Dan finally came through with Come Back where, without the intrusion of the harsh percussion, his distinctive voice could be heard clearly.

The Birmingham-based singer was getting into his stride by the time he got to two of his best ballads They Care and Three Bodies. Dan tries awfully hard to please and include his audience but he should concentrate more on relaxing and letting his talent speak for itself.

In songs such as When We Were Sleeping and My Heart Doesn't Age you get a real feel for just how clever and intricate his writing is. **DF**

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CHOICE

Gabourey Sidibe

Precious
BBC2, 11.10pm
Don't expect a bundle of laughs from this Oscar-winning film. Instead, have hankies at the ready, because it's incredibly upsetting in places. It's also a fascinating tale about 16-year-old Claireece Jones. She's illiterate, overweight and pregnant with her second child – whose father is Claireece's own biological dad. He's been abusing his daughter for years. Eventually, Claireece is moved to a new school where a kindly teacher attempts to take her under her wing, and give her the care and attention that could turn her life around.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.30** Live Gymnastics: World Artistic Championships. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities.

6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. The battle to win the glitterball trophy really begins as the pro-celebrity couples step onto the dance floor for the second time, knowing one pair will be going home tomorrow. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.25 Atlantis. Jason promises to find a missing girl, who has been taken by the worshippers of the god Dionysus – and comes face to face with a woman who will one day become a great enemy.

9.10 The National Lottery Live. New series. Chris Evans reveals the results of the new Lotto draw and gives players the chance to win £50,000 live on air.

9.25 Casualty. Tess has to confront her own problems when a pregnant woman is involved in a road accident, while Robyn and Jamie witness the effects of a batch of bad pills on the Holby nightlife.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester City v Everton; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.50 Film:** Johnny Angel. (1945) **8.05 Film:** San Demetrio, London. (1943) **9.40** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.10** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.00** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **11.30** University Challenge. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Rachel Allen: Bake! (R) **1.10** EastEnders. **3.00** The House That £100K Built. (R) **4.00** The Wonder of Dogs. (R) **5.00** Flog It!

6.00 Robert Peston Goes Shopping. The history of the retail trade in Britain since the end of the Second World War, beginning by examining how shopping evolved from a chore into a popular pastime. (R)

7.00 Count Arthur Strong. A riot forces everyone to take shelter in a back room of the cafe. (R)

7.30 Orangutans: The Great Ape Escape – Natural World. An orangutan is released back into the wild after eight years in a rescue centre, undertaking a journey by boat, road and finally helicopter with its three-year-old infant. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. (R)

9.00 The 70s. A royal wedding, war in the Middle East, mass consumerism and self-sufficiency. (R)

10.00 The Sarah Millican Slightly Longer Television Programme. Extended edition, with Michael Palin, Helen Skelton and Tim Wonnacott.

10.40 Mock the Week. (R)

11.10 Film: Precious. (2009) Drama, starring Gabourey Sidibe.

12.55 Film: Heartbreaker. (2010) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** Catchphrase. (R) **1.20** Doc Martin. (R) **2.20** The X Factor. (R) **3.50 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium. (2007) **5.35** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed!

6.30 Fool Britannia. New series. A roadie outstays his welcome at the Cornbury Festival.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. New series. Jon Culshaw, Tina Malone, Hilary Jones and Charlotte Jackson try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. The judges' houses stage, in which Gary, Sharon, Nicole and Louis are joined by celebrity guests in locations around the world as the 24 acts vie for 12 places in the live shows.

9.50 Through the Keyhole. Simon Gregson and Mollie King join Dave Berry on the panel. Last in the series.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: Mercury Rising. (1998) Thriller, starring Bruce Willis.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** British Rallycross. **6.40** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.05** Great Scottish Swim. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson takes his crew to Peru to investigate a mysterious object codenamed 0-8-4. But when he runs into Commandant Camilla Reyes, sparks soon fly – in more ways than one. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Colin Mackinnon and Marta Briongos take on an ambitious project to build a bespoke metal home next to an airfield runway, but their plans are hit by bad weather. (R)

9.00 Film: Friends with Benefits. (2011) Premiere. Two co-workers start sleeping together, but keeping their feelings out of the arrangement proves tricky. Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis.

11.05 Film: Easy A. (2010) Premiere. Teen comedy, starring Emma Stone.

12.55 Film: The Keep. (1983) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.50** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.55** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.30** Slugterra. **10.55** Inside Hollywood. **11.00** Animal Maternity. (R) **12.00 Film:** Columbo: Short Fuse. (1972) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Roddy McDowall. **1.30 Film:** The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, starring Yul Brynner. **4.00 Film:** Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw, Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews and Charles Bronson.

6.45 Film: Blood Alley. (1955) A merchant sailor rescues Chinese villagers from communist oppression and transports them by ferry to safety in Hong Kong. Action adventure, starring John Wayne and Lauren Bacall.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Lethal Weapon 3. (1992) Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh go on the trail of a former policeman selling impounded weaponry to criminal gang bosses. Action thriller sequel, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Langston and the team respond to a fatal shooting at an electronics store, only to discover the victim is a rapist being sought by Nick and Catherine in a separate investigation. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. A cheetah gets a health check. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. The team is under intense pressure to sell tickets. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Stephen Lawrence Unity Concert **8.00** Top Gear **9.05 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) **11.25** Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 Africa **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.40** Classic Albums **11.30** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up

ITV2
3.30 You've Been Framed! **5.35 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **7.20 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** The Magaluf Weekender

ITV3
2.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Wire in the Blood

ITV4
3.20 British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.50 Film:** Billion Dollar Brain (1967) **7.00** I Want That Car **8.00** Hornblower **10.10 Film:** The Boat That Rocked (2009)

E4
3.00 Film: The Spy Next Door (2010) **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00 Film:** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **11.00 Film:** Slither (2006)

Film4
2.45 The Quiller Memorandum (1966) **4.50** Freaky Friday (1976) **6.50** New British Cinema **7.00** Drillbit Taylor (2008) Comedy, starring Owen Wilson, Leslie Mann, Nate Hartley and Troy Gentile. **9.00** Predator (1987) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.05** Predator 2 (1990)

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Christopher Villiers

By Any Means
BBC1, 9pm
The latest episode centres on the death of 18 people who perish in a building targeted as an arson attack. Could ruthless property developer Philip Granger be responsible, and if so can he be brought to justice because he is holed up in the Colombian Embassy, where the ambassador is an old school friend? That's where Jack and his team step in. They set up a surveillance operation to monitor his activity, while Charlie infiltrates the embassy and works on seducing the ambassador's daughter. Warren Brown, Shelley Conn and Christopher Villiers star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix Highlights. **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Great British Year. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.20 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury visits the food festival in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, and Matt Baker discovers how Blaenavon's old spoil heaps have attracted a surprising number of creatures. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. The first couple are eliminated, and Matt Goss performs.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Discoveries at Newstead Abbey in Nottinghamshire include an English literature prize presented to DH Lawrence and the bugle used to sound the real Charge of the Light Brigade. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.
9.00 By Any Means. Charlie goes undercover at an embassy.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Norwich City v Chelsea.
11.45 The Sky at Night. The team goes camping at the Brecon Beacons AstroCamp star party.
12.05 Weatherview. **12.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.05 Film:** Dance, Girl, Dance. (1940) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **10.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **10.30** Live Athletics. **1.30** Live Gymnastics: World Artistic Championships. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs.
6.00 Great British Railway Journeys. (R)
6.30 The Great British Bake Off. The remaining six contestants face three tasks involving pastry, making signature suet puddings, choux buns filled with creme patissiere, and three different types of puff pastries. (R)
7.30 The Ginge, the Geordie and the Geek. The gulls take revenge on a motorist.
8.00 The Crane Gang. A wind turbine installation is brought to a halt by high winds. Last in the series.
9.00 The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors. New series. Rageh Omaar traces the history of the Islamic empire.
10.00 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife. (R)
10.30 QI XL. Extended edition. With Jeremy Clarkson, Jimmy Carr and Bill Bailey.
11.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Russell Howard hosts, with guests Conor Maynard and Lethal Bizzle. (R)
11.45 Film: The Year of Living Dangerously. (1982) Political thriller, starring Mel Gibson.
1.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Big Time Rush. **9.25** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.20 Film:** Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Inside the National Trust. **1.25** The X Factor. (R) **3.15** Foot Britannia. (R) **3.40** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **4.45** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.55** ITV News; Weather.
6.10 Surprise Surprise. An inspirational girl meets the Saturdays, Aled Jones helps a choirmaster fulfil an ambition and two siblings are introduced to their brother after years of searching.
7.10 The X Factor. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 12, and who is heading home disappointed.
9.00 Downton Abbey. An extravagant party at the Abbey gives the Crawleys an opportunity to reunite with old friends, but alongside the celebrations come skulduggery and heartache.
10.05 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 The Classic BRIT Awards 2013. Myleene Klass hosts the ceremony from the Royal Albert Hall.
11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.45** The Store. **2.45** Motorsport UK. **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The American Football Show. (R) **7.30** American Football: Hard Knocks. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Channel 4 Racing. **3.45 Film:** Turner & Hooch. (1989) **5.40** My Big Fat Gypsy Christening. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford reveals the power of air and its role in the creation of strange weather events, from tornados spinning on the spot to dust storms, double rainbows and mirages. (R)
8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. Kevin plans to build an observation tower three times higher than a double-decker bus, and turns to an ingenious mechanism to get around planning restrictions.
9.00 Homeland. New series. With Brody still at large almost three months after the terrorist attack on Langley, Saul plots a counterstrike aimed at those connected to the devastating incident.
10.05 Was It Something I Said? New series. Panel show, hosted by David Mitchell.
10.40 Gogglebox. Viewers' thoughts on the week's TV. (R)
11.30 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The comedian is joined by David Mitchell, James McAvoy and Strictly Come Dancing co-host Tess Daly with some of this year's contestants. Iggy Azalea provides the music. (R)
12.30 Paddy's TV Guide. (R) **1.15** American Football Live. **4.45** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.50** Mio Mao. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Slugterra. **11.20** Inside Hollywood. **11.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **2.30 Film:** Innerspace. (1987) **4.50 Film:** The Time Machine. (2002)
6.30 Film: Superman II. (1980) Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve and Terence Stamp. Edited for language.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Film: Killers. (2010) Premiere. Action comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Katherine Heigl.
11.05 Film: Date Movie. (2006) Spoof romantic comedy, with Alyson Hannigan and Adam Campbell.
12.30 Traveller Feuds. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **7.20 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Some Girls **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Miss Marple **7.50** West Coast Otters **8.00** Fabric of Britain: The Wonder of Embroidery **9.00** Mark Lawson Talks to Bob Geldof **10.00** Sight and Sound in Concert: Boomtown Rats **11.00** Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams
ITV2
3.50 The X Factor **5.50** The Xtra Factor **6.50 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Vegas **11.00 Film:** The Wedding Singer (1998)
ITV3
3.35 George and Mildred **4.10 Film:** The Best of Benny Hill (1974) **5.55** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** Lewis **9.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **10.00 Film:** The Graduate (1967)
ITV4
3.45 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) **7.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Parole Officer (2001) **11.00 Film:** South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999)
E4
4.00 How I Met Your Mother **5.25** The Big Bang Theory **6.50** How I Met Your Mother **7.15** Rules of Engagement **7.45 Film:** Bandslam (2009) **10.00** New Rude Tube **11.00** Rules of Engagement **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23
Film4
2.55 High Noon (1952) **4.35** Aliens in the Attic (2009) **6.15** Independence Day (1996) **9.00** The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **11.35** The Joneses (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Reservoir Dogs, Channel 5, 10.55pm
Criminals are employed by a crime boss to carry out a diamond robbery that goes disastrously wrong. In the bloody aftermath of the heist, they try to establish what happened and how the police were aware of their plans all along – leading to the hardening suspicion that one of them betrayed the gang. Quentin Tarantino's thriller, starring Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn and Steve Buscemi. (1992)

TUESDAY
The Boy She Met Online, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A teenage girl falls madly in love with someone claiming to be a college student, whom she meets on a social networking website, and keeps her internet romance a secret from her mother. However, she is unaware that everything he has told her about himself is a lie. Drama, starring Tracy Spiridakos and Alexandra Paul. (2010)

Reservoir Dogs, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

Hearts in Atlantis, ITV, 10.35pm
A miserable youngster, neglected by his vain mother and bullied by local youths, befriends an elderly man who is lodging in their house. The pair share many recollections and secrets, and it is not long before the boy discovers his new friend possesses otherworldly gifts. But shadowy figures are determined to use his powers for their own devious ends. Drama adapted from Stephen King's novel, starring Anthony Hopkins. (2001)

WEDNESDAY
Trust the Man, BBC1, 11.45pm
Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobey and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny. (2005)

THURSDAY
Gone, ITV, 10.40pm
A British couple travelling around Australia befriend an American backpacker and let him accompany them on their trip across the Outback. However, as they venture farther from civilisation, their new travelling companion shows a dark side to his nature. Thriller, starring Shaun Evans, Scott Mechlowicz and Amelia Warner. (2007)

Friday
Piranha, Channel 5, 11pm
Teenagers descend on a seaside resort, only to end up walking into a massacre when an underwater tremor unleashes a horde of carnivorous prehistoric fish that go in search of human prey. The local sheriff battles to destroy the creatures as bloodletting ensues. Horror

Pick of the Week

Paying a fitting tribute to the nation's heroes

If you're at that sort of age where you get teary-eyed watching Roy and Hayley on Coronation Street, or even big screen blockbusters like White House Down, then we'll warn you now: get a big box of handkerchiefs as Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards 2013 will leave you roaring.

There are many uplifting stories of courage and of going the extra mile here, which, in a world where everyone seems to be looking out for themselves, restores your faith in humanity. Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane will be the setting for this star-studded event, with the likes of Prince William, Prince Charles and Prime Minister David Cameron joining more than 100 celebrities in honouring Britain's unsung heroes. Hosted by Carol Vorderman, the 15th annual do is packed with stories of selfless courage and achievement against the odds.

Winners include a 10 year-old boy who saved his dad's life when he collapsed with a heart attack. If that's not enough to make you fill up you undoubtedly will when you hear the story of the eight year-old meningitis victim who, had his four limbs amputated.

What's remarkable is that he then went on an unbelievable fund-raising mission for the hospital that treated him. By this point in the proceedings, we fully expect a river of mascara to be running down your cheeks, but there are even more stories like that to come.

Such as the one of the lollipop lady who almost died when she jumped in front of an out-of-control car to save a group of schoolchildren. Naturally, thoughts also turn to Britain's armed forces in Afghanistan, and, in particular, to a brave rifleman who ran across open ground under sniper fire to rescue an injured comrade – despite having been shot himself.

Marking the 150th anniversary of The FA, Prince William will meet an extraordinary woman who turned around her community through the power of the beautiful game.

Those who lost relatives in the Hillsborough tragedy, and fought for almost a quarter of a century to uncover the truth about what happened on that fateful day, will also be honoured. Carol Vorderman says: "It's always such a great pleasure hosting Pride of Britain. For me, it is the only awards show on TV that really matters because the winners are real people who could not be more deserving."

The judging committee selecting this year's winners are ITN news anchorman Mark Austin, Campaigner and Pride of Britain winner 2012 Katie Piper, Olympic heptathlon gold medallist Denise Lewis OBE, former England footballer Michael Owen, President of the Royal College of Nursing Andrea Spyropoulos, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police Chris Sims, Daybreak presenter Aled Jones MBE and Paralympic hero David Weir CBE.

Carol adds: "Over the past 14 years, there have been so many heart-warming, inspiring stories of people who have contributed so much to this country. "It's a chance for us to celebrate Britain at its best and I'm not surprised it has become the biggest national event of its kind."

Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards 2013, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders
BBC1, 8pm
Look up 'cheeky chappy' in the dictionary, and chances are you'll see Alfie Moon's face gurning back at you. But even the life and soul of every Vic theme night has his limits, and discovering that Roxy has been seeing her sister behind his back has just about pushed him over it. To make matters worse, Michael is winding him up about his fiancée's betrayal, and when Alfie confronts Ronnie, she says that while she is sorry about snatching his son and everything, she is Roxy's family and he'll just have to get used to it.

Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food
BBC2, 8.30pm
There was once a time when the sole purpose of a pub was to serve its customers the beverage of their choice. But now a hostelry that doesn't serve meals is very unusual. When it comes to pub food, few know more than Tom Kerridge. Last year, his gastropub, The Hand & Flowers in Buckinghamshire, became the first pub to be awarded two Michelin stars. Now he's passing on his expertise to viewers via this series. This week he's demonstrating meals that can be served to groups of friends.

TUESDAY
The Dog Rescuers
Channel 5, 7.30pm
Dogs are supposedly man's best friend – so why do so many of them end up abused and badly treated? That may for ever remain a mystery, but programmes such as Animal Hospital, Paul O'Grady's For the Love of Dogs and now Dog Rescuers have highlighted the terrible conditions some canines have been forced to endure. Thankfully, as we're about to see in this new, ten-part series, some tales do have a happy ending. The programme begins in Manchester, where the RSPCA is carrying out a joint operation with the police and trading standards officers at a puppy farm where they suspect dogs are being bred illegally.

WEDNESDAY
Dan Snow's History of Congo
BBC2, 9pm
Although he made his TV debut co-presenting a programme about El Alamein with his newsreader dad Peter, Dan Snow has gone on to be a successful presenter in his own right – and his shows have become increasingly ambitious. This documentary might be his most challenging yet as it sees Dan behind the British battlefields and trains he has reported on in the past and heading to the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is one of the wildest, most colourful and anarchic places on the planet. In theory, it should also have been one of the richest due to its natural resources, yet instead the country has been blighted by poverty – and the historian wants to find out why.

Father Figure
BBC1, 10.35pm
With its cosy family set-up and liberal amounts of slapstick, Father Figure seems to have been tailor-made for prime-time Friday viewing – so it's strange to find it tucked away on a late-night Wednesday. However, Miranda and this sitcom's most obvious recent antecedent Mrs Brown's Boys also overcame odd scheduling and mixed early reviews to become big hits, so there's hope for Jason Byrne's show yet. This fourth episode also has the added benefit of a guest role for Peter Serafinowicz, who stars as Elaine's ex-boyfriend Karl. He's got charm, an exciting job, an impressive physique and worst of all, a magnificent chin – no wonder Tom, who is developing a complex about his own 'turkey neck' isn't looking forward to his visit.

Breathless, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Breathless
ITV, 9pm
It's 16 years since Jack Davenport and Natasha Little appeared together in the second series of This Life. They reunite for this new drama set in 1961 as glamorous married couple Otto and Elizabeth Powell. Otto is a charismatic surgeon working in a gynaecology unit. He's convinced he can make positive changes to women's lives, even if it means breaking the abortion laws. But despite appearing to be perfect, Otto and Elizabeth are hiding a dark secret that could wreck their lives.

Truckers
BBC1, 9pm
Channel 5 has spent years trying to convince us that the lives of lorry drivers are inherently dramatic – just look at all those series of Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. But now the BBC is getting in on the act too, with an actual drama series centring on a haulage firm in Nottinghamshire. Stephen Tompkinson heads the impressive cast as Malachi, who got divorced 18 months ago, but is still living in the family home with his ex-wife. He's not moved on emotionally either, and is still hopeful his relationship can be fixed – until he discovers his wife is engaged to another man. Malachi is also facing upheaval at work as the new boss Martin (John Dagliesh) unveils a revised roster.

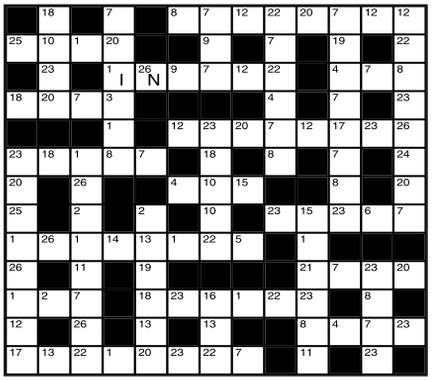
FRIDAY
World Cup Qualifying Live
ITV, 7.30pm
The quest to reach next year's World Cup finals in Brazil moves a step closer to concluding this evening, as England welcome Montenegro to Wembley Stadium in their penultimate Group H encounter. With the visit of Poland to come on Tuesday night, Roy Hodgson can at least draw comfort from the knowledge that two wins would guarantee qualification no matter how their rivals perform, however they have so far failed to defeat any of their direct rivals in the group.

What's On!

Brain Gym No.241

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

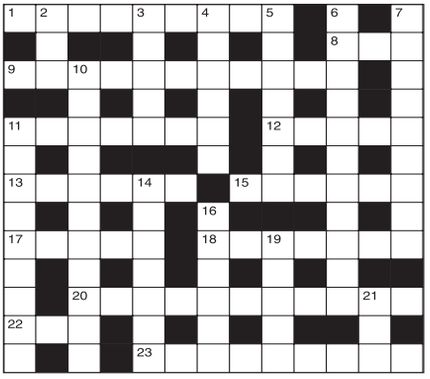


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 J	2 S	3 M	4 H	5 I	6 X	7 E	8 O	9 W	10 P	11 N	12 L	13 K
14 A	15 T	16 Z	17 F	18 R	19 V	20 Q	21 D	22 Y	23 B	24 U	25 C	26 G

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It shows the pressure we're under (9)
8. Make second-hand (3)
9. What a motoring school is expected to do for the fireman's boss (5,6)
11. Made run, perhaps, being defenceless (7)
12. Work to rule? (5)
13. Threaten to give me the cane, somehow (6)
15. Article in the van (6)
17. Speeds regulated by local authorities (5)
18. Those who inherit are bound to (7)
20. Not a reasonable way to act (11)
22. Wood used in model-making (3)
23. He should be a good mixer (9)

Down

2. A number smaller than two! (3)
3. A note for the chemist (5)
4. Diatribe I get in traffic (6)
5. A dream I think a lot about (7)
6. A case of galloping consumption? (7,4)
7. Observing a communist and becoming angry (6,3)
10. In such a race, do you have a minute adversary? (7,4)
11. Not a member of a union? (9)
14. The actors went in front and changed positions on board (7)
16. A wrong guess about customs (6)
19. A number yearn to find the hiding place (5)
21. Not the true position (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Fleeting (9)
8. Be in debt to (3)
9. Demolition (11)
11. Act of contrition (7)
12. Perfect (5)
13. Stirred up (6)
15. Assert (6)
17. Rub out (5)
18. Brave (7)
20. Lying between (11)
22. Deed (3)
23. Release (9)

Down

2. Regret (3)
3. Temptress (5)
4. Shun (6)
5. Trifling (7)
6. Ally (11)
7. Remember (9)
10. Oddity (11)
11. Eternal (9)
14. Built (7)
16. Turns aside (6)
19. Get to know (5)
21. Constantly find fault with (3)

Sudoku

6			3		1		8	
	3			8				1
1	8				5	2		
4			1			9	6	
8			6		3			5
		1			8			7
	1		4				3	6
2			5				1	
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	6	3	5	2	8	9	4	1
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8	2	6	9	3	7	5	1	4
9	7	1	8	6	2	4	5	3
6	5	8	3	4	9	1	7	2
3	4	2	7	5	1	8	9	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Lariat; 8 Select; 10 Opinion; 11 Paste; 12 Emit; 13 Fence; 17 Quits; 18 Peri; 22 Dwarf; 23 Ill-fame; 24 Euclid; 25 Capers. Down: 1 Almoner; 2 Prairie; 3 Ratio; 4 Respect; 5 Tense; 6 Other; 9 Uncertain; 14 Fun-fair; 15 Relaxed; 16 License; 19 Idled; 20 Hatch; 21 Float. QUICK - Across: 7 Expert; 8 Zenith; 10 Emotion; 11 Lucid; 12 Sane; 13 Bogus; 17 Greed; 18 Pair; 22 Thing; 23 Crucial; 24 Result; 25 Revere. Down: 1 Reverse; 2 Appoint; 3 Drain; 4 Zealous; 5 Pinch; 6 Shade; 9 Innocence; 14 Wriggle; 15 Mariner; 16 Trolley; 19 Story; 20 First; 21 Queer.

Property

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Traditional three-bed semi is priced around £110,000

OFFERS in the region of £110,000 are being invited for this traditional three bedroom semi-detached house in Old Park Road, Dudley.

In a popular residential area, the house is close to a range of amenities including shops, schools and public transport services and though in need of some modernisation, comes with heating, double glazing where specified and garden to the rear.

On the ground floor is a sitting room, 13ft 8in by 11ft 5in, with a living room 11ft 4in by 10ft 4in and kitchen measuring 6ft 7in by 5ft 3in with single drainer stainless steel sink, base unit and work top with a lean-top verandah with plumbing for automatic washing machine.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with electric shower, pedestal wash basin and WC.

Outside the rear garden has a patio area and lawn.

For further information or to arrange a viewing call Sedgley Skitts, 01902 686868.

The house located in Old Park Road is on the market with the Sedgley branch of Skitts, call 01902 686868

The price of this detached in Gornal Wood has been reduced to £219,950 by Skitts

Reduced asking price for a distinctive home

REDUCED to £219,950, this distinctive family home in Brick Kiln Lane, Gornal Wood, is for sale with no upward chain.

Situated in a sought after area, the property benefits from central heating, double glazing and a range of features including living room with feature fireplace, spacious dining kitchen, downstairs WC, integral garage, three double bedrooms, shower room, burglar alarm and enclosed rear garden.

The house is approached over an asphalt driveway with parking for numerous vehicles past a lawned area to a garage, while on the ground floor is a downstairs WC with wash hand basin and a living room – 14ft by 13ft 9in – with coal-effect gas fire in marble type surround and hearth.

The dining kitchen, 20ft by 11ft 4in, has a range of base and wall units, single drainer stainless steel sink, roll-edge work surfaces, integrated oven with four ring electric hob and cooker hood, with a dining area with gas fire.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a shower room with cubicle, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

The garage has plumbing for an automatic washing machine, with the rear garden having a paved patio area, lawn, flowers and shrubs.

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UPPER GORNAL

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•EPC Rating E•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden
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OAKHAM AVENUE
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FALLOW FIELD ROAD
•EPC RATING C•Three Bedroom• Two Reception Rooms• Gas Central Heating System• Double Glazed Where Stated• Bathroom• Cloakroom•Rear Garden•Garage•Corner Plot•No Upward Chain
£109,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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ELM TERRACE
•EPC D•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Refitted Bathroom•Rear Garden•Gas Central Heating System•Drive
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TIVIDALE

STOKESAY CLOSE
•EPC RATING E•A Three Bedroom Detached Property•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive•No Chain
£155,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIPTON

CONEYGREE ROAD
•An Improved End Terraced•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden
£75,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

OAKHAM

OAKHAM CRESCENT
•EPC Rating E•Considerably Improved & Well Presented Bay Fronted Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Refitted Kitchen/Dining Room•Refitted House Bathroom•Garage To The Rear• Block Paved Driveway•No Chain
£189,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

OAKHAM

DINGLE CLOSE
•A Much Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Four Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room•Extended Bathroom, Study, Kitchen & Ground Floor Cloakroom•Garage•No Chain
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TIVIDALE

REGENT ROAD
•EPC Rating D• An Improved Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Drive
£115,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

OAKHAM

OAKHAM RD
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£119,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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CLAUGHTON ROAD
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COSELEY

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* In an enviable cul-de-sac location
* An open plan lounge and dining kitchen
* THREE bedrooms, en-suite shower room
* Family bathroom
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Driveway with off road parking
* A good size rear garden and garage
* An ideal family home
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500

COSELEY

Pear Tree Lane

* A Traditional semi-detached property
* Having been upgraded and enhanced
* High standard & modern accommodation
* Lounge & Dining Kitchen
* Three good size bedrooms
* Family bathroom
* Good size rear garden
* Driveway with parking for 2 cars
* VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £165,000

LOWER GORNAL

Humphrey Street

PUBLIC NOTICE: Swinscoes Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £152,000 for 34 Humphrey Street, Lower Gornal, DY3 2AW. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Swinscoes Estate Agents,3-5 Bilston Street, Sedgley, DY3 1JA, 01902 672274 Before exchange of contracts

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £150,000

LANESFIELD

Lane Road

* Immaculately presented TWO bed detached bungalow
* Enhanced throughout
* Open plan lounge/dining room
* Modern kitchen & Bathroom
* Low maintenance garden
* Off road parking
* EPC - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

WEST BROMWICH

York Crescent

* A Modern style semi-detached property
* Immaculately presented accommodation
* Kitchen with integrated appliances
* Guest cloakroom * Lounge
* Three bedrooms * En-suite to Master
* Family bathroom with 'white' suite
* Garage & driveway parking
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £152,000

UPPER GORNAL

Ripley Grove

* Modern three bed end townhouse
* Positioned on an exclusive small development.
* Built 5 years ago , NHBC warranty
* Lounge, open plan dining kitchen
* Downstairs cloakroom
* En-suite to master bedroom
* Driveway parking
* Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

THE STRAITS, LOWER GORNAL

Shakespeare Road

* An excellent size semi-detached
* In walking distance to Gornal Village
* In need of cosmetic updating
* Full of potential, an ideal family home
* Kitchen & separate dining room
* Large garage with utility facilities
* THREE bedrooms and family bathroom * *
* Private rear gardens and off road parking
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £130,950

COSELEY

Keats Drive

* A Modern semi-detached property
* Offering spacious accommodation
* Lounge and through dining room
* Three bedrooms & Bathroom
* Private rear garden with sunny aspect
* Driveway and garage
* An ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950

WOODSETTON

Parkes Hall Road

* A beautifully presented semi-detached
* Having been enhanced to high standard
* Open plan, contemporary dining kitchen
* Three bedrooms and bathroom
* Upvc double glazing & central heating
* Off road parking for several vehicles
* Well maintained rear garden
* AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £128,950

COSELEY

Church Road

* A Traditional terrace property
* Deceptively spacious
* An open plan modern dining kitchen
* Lounge & Sitting Room
* Two good size bedrooms
* Loft Room (being used as a bedroom)
* Good size rear garden
* Driveway with parking for 2 cars
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500

COSELEY

The Castings

* Modern end of town house style property
* Well maintained and contemporary
* An open plan style breakfast kitchen
* Conservatory & downstairs w.c.
* Two good size bedrooms
* Situated on a larger corner plot
* Good size rear gardens
* Two allocated parking spaces
* An ideal starter home
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £122,500

SEDGLEY

Castle Street

* A DECEPTIVELY spacious terrace
* In walking distance to Sedgley Village
* Upgraded and refurbished throughout
* Three good size bedrooms
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Kitchen Extension
* An ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,500

WOODSETTON

Wren Street

* A well presented end terrace
* Ample off road parking
* Lounge and dining kitchen
* TWO bedrooms
* Modern bathroom
* Pleasant & well maintained garden
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,950

COSELEY

Eliot Croft

* A Modern semi-detached property
* Quiet cul-de-sac location
* Large corner plot
* Lounge & Dining kitchen
* Two bedrooms
* Upvc double glazed
* Good size rear garden
* Off road parking for up to 3 cars
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £102,500

DUDLEY

Limes Road

* A modern semi-detached property
* Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
* Kitchen & good size lounge
* Two bedrooms & bathroom
* Off road parking for 4 cars
* Low maintenance rear garden
* Ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

£95,000

COSELEY

Rainbow Street

* A semi detached bungalow
* Ideal buy-to-let investment
* Current rental income being £6,825 pa.
* Lounge & galley kitchen
* Two bedrooms
* Recently installed central heating
* Recently re-wired & re-plastered
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,000

BRADLEY

Dereham Walk

* A Modern end of Town House
* Extended and enhanced
* Three good size bedrooms
* Lounge and open plan dining kitchen
* Modern Bathroom
* Private rear garden
* Upvc double glazing
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,950

LOWER GORNAL

The Close

* A generously sized semi-detached
* A quiet cul-de-sac location
* In need of cosmetic updating
* Kitchen and separate dining room
* Outhouse with 2 stores and w.c.
* THREE good size bedrooms
* An excellent size private rear garden
* Driveway parking
* NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,500

PARK ROAD, LOWER GORNAL

Parkhouse Gardens

* A BRAND NEW development
* 5 Bungalows remaining
* High standard and contemporary
* OPEN PLAN style living space
* Luxury breakfast kitchen
* ALLOCATED PARKING
* Rear garden with sunny aspect
* Ideal for independent individuals
* EPC Rating - B

£89,950

COSELEY

Lord Street West

* A mid-terrace traditional property
* Ideal for a buy-to-let investor
* Generous sized lounge
* Kitchen with store & downstairs w.c.
* Three bedrooms
* Off road parking
* Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950

COSELEY

Harding Street

* A SPACIOUS mid terrace property
* Close to Coseley Train Station
* Full length Lounge & Dining Kitchen
* Three good size bedrooms
* Rear Garden & potential for a driveway
* Open aspect views to the rear
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950

UPPER GORNAL

Aldenwood Rise

* A unique town house style property
* In a quiet cul-de-sac location
* Classically deceptively spacious
* Hallway, dining kitchen and lounge
* Two double bedrooms & bathroom
* A good size rear garden (corner plot)
* In need of cosmetic updating
* An ideal buy-to-let or first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

£81,950

UPPER GORNAL

The Arcade

* A SPACIOUS maisonette
* Excellent location for local amenities
* TWO Bedrooms
* Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
* Upvc double glazed windows
* Gas central heating
* An ideal investment or first time buy
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £69,950

70 HIGH STREET, PENSNETT

The Poplars

* A spacious 2nd floor flat
* Modern kitchen
* Open plan lounge/diner
* ONE bedroom
* Bathroom with White Suite
* Parking spaces
* EPC Rating - D

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Lot 1 86 Hornsey Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
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Lot 3 15 Acorn Grove, Ladywood, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 4 2, 2A & 3 Kingston Row, Ladywood, Birmingham ... Commercial Investment
Lot 5 35 Hunton Road, Erdington, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 6 145 - 147 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 7 Greenhaven Residential Centre, Grout Street, West Bromwich ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 8 Malvernbury, 61 Abbey Road, Greater Malvern, Worcestershire ... Development/ Redevelopment Opportunity
Lot 8a The Kings Head, 15 Mill Street, Brierley Hill ... Commercial Investment
Lot 9 Apartments 1 - 9 Waterway Court, 3 & 5 Waterway Court & 1 & 2 Yardley Wood Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham ... Freehold Ground Rents
Lot 10 25 - 35 Park Avenue, Hockley, Birmingham ... Freehold Ground Rents
Lot 11 Garages 1 - 13 R/o 63 - 73 Halesowen Road, Halesowen ... Lock Up Garages
Lot 12 Garages 1 - 17 Sandy Croft, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands ... Lock Up Garages
Lot 13 16 Spring Lane, Erdington, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 14 Land to R/o 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12 Botteville Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham ... Development/ Redevelopment Opportunity
Lot 15 Halifax House, 14 - 15 Frederick Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 16 5, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, Stourbridge ... Residential Vacant
Lot 17 98 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 18 49 - 51 Barbourne Road, Worcester, Worcestershire ... Commercial Investment/Residential Investment
Lot 19 1 Damson Wharf, Groveland Road, Tipton ... Residential Investment
Lot 20 2 Damson Wharf, Groveland Road, Tipton ... Residential Investment
Lot 21 3 Damson Wharf, Groveland Road, Tipton ... Residential Investment
Lot 22 65 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove ... Residential Vacant
Lot 23 67 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove ... Residential Vacant
Lot 24 86 Blakeley Hall Road, Oldbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 25 52 Barnes Hill, Weoley Castle, Birmingham .. NOT BEING OFFERED .. Residential Vacant
Lot 26 28 Endwood Court Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 27 22 Taylor Road, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 28 3A Walford Street, TividaleResidential Vacant
Lot 29 1 St James Gardens, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 30 2 St James Gardens, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 31 3 St James Gardens, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 32 4 St James Gardens, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 33 5 St James Gardens, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 34 75 Hobs Road, Wednesbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 35 22 Millfields Road, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 36 Site at Wilkes Avenue, Bentley, Walsall ... Land
Lot 37 2 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 38 4 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 39 6 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 40 8 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 41 10 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 42 12 Fellows Park Gardens, Bescot Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 43 28 Gleave Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 44 313 Heeley Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 45 28 East Park Way, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 46 117 Camberley, Beacon View Road, Wolverhampton ... Residential Investment
Lot 47 513 City Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 48 222 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 49 53 Holifast Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield ... Residential Vacant
Lot 50 4 Cygnet Road, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 51 46 Farm Road, Rowley Regis ... Residential Vacant
Lot 52 58 Nicholls Street, West Bromwich ... Residential Investment
Lot 53 16 Burton Road, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 54 46 Charles Road, Small Heath, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 55 830 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 56 59 - 60 Tower Street, Dudley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 57 1327 Stratford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham ... Commercial Investment
Lot 58 42 Woodbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 59 5 & 5A Oxhill Road, Shirley, Solihull ... Commercial Investment
Lot 60 Gate Keepers Lodge, 224 Brettell Lane, Amblecote, Stourbridge ... Residential Vacant
Lot 61 31 Norton Crescent, Bilston ... Residential Vacant
Lot 62 5 - 9 Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 63 25 Balfour Crescent, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 64 15 Hallam Street, West Bromwich ... Residential Investment
Lot 65 Storage Land, Leys Road Industrial Estate, Leys Road, Brierley Hill ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 66 61 Whitehall Road, Handsworth, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 67 94 West Park Avenue, Northfield, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 68 Land & Building Peartree Lane, Dudley ... Commercial Investment
Lot 69 182 Bridge Street West, Newtown, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 70 7 Stockton Court, Mason Street, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 71 20 Stockton Court, Mason Street, Wolverhampton ... Residential Investment
Lot 72 48 Gorsy Road, Quinton, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 73 Matlock Works, Unions Street, West Bromwich ... Commercial Investment
Lot 74 Flat 1 Dingle Court, Dingle Lane, Solihull ... Residential Investment
Lot 75 113 Birkenshaw Road, Great Barr, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 76 22 Orslow Walk, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 77 Unit 2 Great Bridge Industrial Estate, Great Bridge ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 78 14A, B, C & D Upper Lichfield Street, Willenhall ... Residential Investment
Lot 79 94 Somerset Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 80 1184 - 1186 Coventry Road, Yardley, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 81 Roadside Land 24 gi Portway Hill, Tividale, Oldbury (Adj. B69 1PQ) ... Land
Lot 82 61 Mason Road, Erdington, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 83 3 Kempthorne Avenue, Wolverhampton ... Residential Investment
Lot 84 26 Florence Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 85 28 Rowlands Avenue, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 86 62 Phillimore Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 87 10 Crown Lofts, Marsh Street, Walsall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 88 61 Florence Road, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 89 23 Vincent Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 90 184 Park Lane West, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 91 40 Green Lane, Lye ... Residential Vacant
Lot 92 27 Needham Street, Nechells, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 93 9 Old Fallings Lane, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 94 28 Vicarage Road, All Saints, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 95 6 Black Lake, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 96 24 Coppice Street, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 97 60 Parkes Street, Smethwick ... Residential Vacant
Lot 98 75 Morley Road, Ward End, BIrmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 99 186 Gravelly Lane, Erdington, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
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Property

Rental opportunities in this sought-after area

LEADING housebuilder Taylor Wimpey is inviting people looking for an enticing investment opportunity to visit its sought-after Woodall Grange development in Dudley.

There has never been a better time to explore the benefits of the rental property market, with low interest rates and rising rents making an investment in bricks and mortar a very attractive option.

In fact, recent figures showed mortgage borrowing to fund buy-to-lets has hit a five-year high with investors looking to cash in on the flourishing property market.

Potential gross rental yields of more than five per cent means Taylor Wimpey's desirable portfolio of new-build apartments at Woodall Grange is in demand with clued-up landlords.

For example, a two-bedroom apartment at the development, priced £99,995, can command around £450 a month in rent, delivering a 5.4 per cent yield on the investment.

Anne Wallace, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "Buying a property to rent out can be a savvy investment opportunity and purchasing one of our new-build apartments makes sense for clued-up landlords because the upkeep and maintenance costs are likely to be lower than with a second-hand property.

"We are confident the contemporary apartments at Woodall Grange will appeal to a wide range of tenants in the West Midlands and would urge prospective investors to come and find out more about this fantastic opportunity."

Taylor Wimpey's Woodall Grange development has affordable apartments

The two-bedroom 'Canterbury' apartment, priced from £99,995, features an open-plan kitchen/living/dining room, an ensuite master bedroom, a further bedroom and a main bathroom, while there's allocated parking outside.

All apartments also come complete with a dishwasher, washer/dryer, fridge freezer, a hob, single oven and flooring, making them an ideal rental purchase.

Woodall Grange enjoys a well-connected location off Constitution Hill, just a short stroll from the extensive selection of shops, restaurants and entertainment venues in Dudley town centre.

Meanwhile, big name brands, niche products, everyday items and special gifts can be snapped up at any one of more than 230 stores at Merry Hill Shopping Centre, three miles away, where food from across the globe can be enjoyed at more than 50 places to eat. Families will also appreciate the good choice of nursery, primary and secondary schools located near the new homes.

The development is perfectly placed for those who work in Dudley town centre while there's also quick access to the A4123 into Birmingham or Wolverhampton and junction 2 of the M5 motorway is just a few miles away, providing links to the M42 and M6 for the Midlands and beyond.

Dudley Port railway station is just over two miles from home, offering services into Birmingham New Street in approximately 15 minutes.

To find out more about the investment opportunities available at Woodall Grange, property-seekers can visit the sales centre, located off Martin Hill Street, Dudley, DY2 8RT, and open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm. The sales executive can also be contacted on 01384 880867.

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WORFIELD, No. 7, WYKEN

A lovely detached home offering much character and charm and having a large rear garden abutting fields beyond. The property also benefits from an adjoining Shop / Commercial Premises which would suit a variety of uses (STPP) and additional parking facilities at side. Immaculately presented with central heating and double glazing Lounge, Dining Room, spacious Kitchen, Cloakroom / Shower Room, Cellar, Three Bedrooms, Large Bathroom, Garage, additional off-road parking, lovely grounds. EPC: F.

Offers in the region of £350,000 invited

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OLDBURY

REGENT COURT
£510 pcm
Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

KINGSWINFORD

FLANDERS DRIVE
£650 pcm
Modern End Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Single Garage, Parking to side, Front & Rear Garden

UPPER GORNAL

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£535 pcm
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DUDLEY

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WOODSETTON

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£510 pcm
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WORDSLEY

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Offers in the region of £349,950

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NEW

Lawnswood Road

This SPACIOUS, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW, enjoys this superb setting, screened from Lawnswood Road yet accessible to surrounding countryside plus Wordsley amenities, affords a rare opportunity and, beautifully presented, offers: Porch, Entrance/Main Hall, delightful 16' x 10'3" Lounge with Dining Room Area off, SPLENDID UPDATED 'L' SHAPED 17' X 13' KITCHEN with 'Rangemaster' and integrated appliances, DELIGHTFUL 19' GARDEN/FORMAL DINING ROOM, Side Hall, THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS (two fitted), EN-SUITE plus impressive House Bathroom; UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING plus UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Fore garden with drive/parking, GARAGE with laundry facility and the MOST BEAUTIFUL SECLUDED AND SUNNY REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£249,950

Kingswinford

NEW

Ambrose Crescent

Exceptionally well placed within this small exclusive cul-de-sac upon highly regarded 'Charterfields', this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, incredibly spacious Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS (all 'Avanti' fitted) Bathroom with white 'Imperial' suite; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Attractive fore garden, LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£204,950

LOWER GORNAL

NEW

Addison Croft, Straits

An attractive, significantly enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in short, favoured cul de sac. There is a feature canopy porch & the accommodation includes recepition hall, lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a range of Shaker 'oak effect' units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom with white suite, lengthy 27'10" carport (effectively a garage) with a 'gym' beyond, delightful sheltered garden, lengthy foregarden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £171,950

SEDGLEY — Northway

NEW

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! Distinctive split-level, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed detached imaginatively designed to take full advantage of site but now requiring comprehensive modernisation. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule with cloaks cupboard, 22'10" through living room, separate dining room, kitchen with utility room off, inner hallway, bathroom, separate toilet, three generous bedrooms, double garage with garden room & separate toilet beyond. Gardens abutting onto & overlooking OPEN FIELDS. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

ALL OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED, FOR VENDORS' CONSIDERATION, BY 5.30 pm ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2013 AT AGENTS SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in excess of £160,000

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW

Madison Avenue

This most impressive, three storey, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE / FOUR BEDROOM End Townhouse is conveniently situated for the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The versatile property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Dining Kitchen, Dining Room / Bedroom Four to Ground Floor, Lounge, Bathroom Bedroom Three to First Floor, BEDROOMS ONE AND TWO (with En-suite to Master) to Second Floor, allocated Parking Space, and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£149,950

Kingswinford

NEW

Lambert Court

A MOST DECEPTIVE & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED MODERN END FAMILY TOWNHOUSE which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO' and superbly located within this pleasant cu de sac setting upon highly respected 'Charterfields'. Offering DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, spacious and attractive full depth lounge with dining area, stylishly re-appointed kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. With COMMUNAL PARKING available to the fore, GARAGE TO THE REAR and enjoying a good sized and predominantly level rear garden. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW

Stamford Road

This MUCH IMPROVED, CONSCIENTIOUSLY MAINTAINED, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED home may particularly appeal to first time buyers and young families alike, and is WELL WORTHY OF INTERNAL INSPECTION. The IMPRESSIVE PROPERTY briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish through lounge/dining room, re-fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, pleasant gardens, and garage to the rear. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265.

£137,950

QUARRY BANK

NEW

Hill Street

This IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, TWO BEDROOM DETACHED HOME has been subjected to a comprehensive recent scheme of modernisation / improvement by the current owners, and SIMPLY MUST BE VIEWED to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£137,500

LANESFIELD

NEW

Lane Road

Having been subject to a comprehensive scheme of modernisation/improvement, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & is well worthy of internal inspection. The impressive property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a good size rear garden. EPC Rating E SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

PENSNETT

NEW

Commonside

This CONSCIENTIOUSLY MAINTAINED, traditional style, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached home is BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED THROUGHOUT, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge with arch to dining room, re-fitted kitchen, useful utility, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, tarmacadam driveway, and pleasant rear garden. ECP Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£107,950

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW

Crescent Avenue

This traditional style, DOUBLE GLAZED, THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED home would now ideally benefit from certain cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL, and may be of particular interest to both first time buyers and young families alike. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c, three bedrooms, bathroom, and a private level garden. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£105,000

DUDLEY

NEW

Magdalen Close, London Heights

A gas radiator centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached at head of short cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and convenient for so many amenities. Spacious accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three generous bedrooms, bathroom, integral garage, front & rear gardens. With potential. EPC Rating; T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

PENSNETT

NEW

Commonside

This MODERN STYLE, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, two bedroom terraced home offers well presented accommodation, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The property briefly comprises: lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£102,950

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW

Moor Street

This modern, uPVC Double Glazed, Two Bedroom Third Floor Flat is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Secure Communal Entrance / Stairs, Private Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, communal grounds and allocated parking. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950

UPPER GORNAL

NEW

The Arcade

A MOST COMPETITIVELY PRICED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, ENLARGED maisonette most conveniently situated for so many amenities. Accommodation includes reception hall, transverse 16'6" lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £69,950

NETHERTON

NEW

Ashfield Crescent

This traditional style, UPVC double glazed, two bedroom semi-detached property now requires comprehensive improvement/updating, yet offers excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge/potential kitchen area, two bedrooms (bedroom one currently sub-divided to form two separate areas), shower room, separate annexe with sitting room, kitchen and wet room, and rear garden. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£62,500

GORNAL WOOD

Brick Kiln Lane

An enviably located, tremendously modernised & meticulously maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached (with open aspect to front) with rare facility of TWO/THREE VEHICLE GARAGE together with well insulated WORK ROOM. Accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom (white suite), lounge, separate dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances opening out to a transverse 24'6" BRICK/UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY. Gallery landing & three double bedrooms, a separate tiled shower room & further reappointed shower room (former bathroom), large integral garage with utility area beyond, delightful well tended gardens & substantial workroom. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

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WALL HEATH

47 Maidensbridge Road

OPEN VIEWING SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER. 11-1pm

Commanding a corner position within a premier address, close to excellent schools, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME is EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED throughout, including a LARGE DORMER LOFT CONVERSION, offering a VERY LARGE layout of 'ready to move into' accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Extended Reception Hall, Guests Cloakroom/WC, huge Sitting Room, LUXURY FULL WIDTH BREAKFAST KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES, Utility, LARGE CONSERVATORY, separate Study, FIVE VERY GOOD BEDROOMS (Master 19'1" x 14'7" mx. with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM), and expensively refitted House Bathroom. LARGE FRONT DRIVEWAY, additional REAR DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED 'SUNNY' REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£334,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

LOWER GORNAL

The Straits

An imposing & quite outstanding, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, detached interwar bungalow of character with remarkable 1960's extension to the side occupying magnificent secluded gardens with private driveway approach. With many fine period features from both the 1930's & the 1960's, and offering TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL the accommodation presently comprises; entrance vestibule, imposing 22'8" reception hall (high ceilings), three generous bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, extended breakfast kitchen, 26'6" through lounge, an entertaining/bar room,and LARGE 'L' SHAPE SNOOKER/ RECREATION ROOM. Double garage, extensive grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £315,000

SEDGLEY

Cotwall End Road

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated within walking distance of country park, well regarded schools & so many other amenities & comprising receptional hall, store, dining room with bay, sitting room with 'living flame' feature fire & patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgarded kitchen with various integrated units, separate breakfast room, fitted cloakroom & a laundry cupboard. Three bedrooms (all with fitted units), shower room (former bathroom) & an additional reappointed shower room with stylish white suite. Shortened former garage used as substantial store, block paved driveway. Delightful secluded well tended rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £218,000

KINGSWINFORD

20 Broadfield Close

OPEN VIEWING SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER. 11-1pm

A VERY DECEPTIVE and DISTINCTIVE, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly desirable 'cul-de-sac' position, having been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, providing HIGH SPECIFICATION and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation which includes UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Reception Hall, Guests Cloakroom/WC, Lounge Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, second Sitting Room with Breakfast Room off, luxury refitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE BEDROOMS plus first floor STUDY and luxury refitted Bathroom. FULL WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE sectioned to Laundry Room and a large BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT LARGE, SUNNY AND PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

REDUCED BY £10,000 to £314,950

WALL HEATH

Harvester Way

NO UPWARD CHAIN

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, very close to open countryside, enjoying an 'open' front outlook, providing a LARGE layout, all BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED throughout, comprising: Reception Hall, large Lounge, Re Fitted Family Dining Kitchen with appliances, Laundry Room, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, LARGE CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (Master with luxury En-Suite Shower Room), refitted House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£279,950

GORNAL WOOD

Musk Lane

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities with possibilities of sub-division for creation of granny/teenagers annex etc. Vendor's advise original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommmodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); to remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £212,000

LOWER GORNAL

Robert Street

An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a highly individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall cloaks, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to 'cinema room'), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light oak' units & many integrated appliances, utility room. Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick/block parking to front,landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

WORDSLEY

'KENTON' Rectory Street

OPEN VIEWING SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER. 11-1pm

Very pleasantly situated within this mature and sought after address, this VERY WELL MAINTAINED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS together with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. With front garden with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility / w.c, side garden area and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which is a particular feature of the property and enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

SEDGLEY

Rowena Gardens, Northway

An attractive, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed chalet style detached with carport & garage set at head of short/quiet cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Conscientiously maintained & significantly upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, tiled cloakroom, L-shape 18ft lounge/dining room with feature 'living flame' gas fire, separate dining room (former bedoom 3) with patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, recently refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances. To the first floor is a gallery landing, two generous double bedrooms & a bathroom. Carport, garage, well tended sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

SEDGLEY

Caswell Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN - Enviably situated in favoured neighbourhood, a freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 'chalet style' detached with particularly flexible accommodation including reception hall, L-shape living/dining room, separate dining room (former bedroom 3), kitchen, utility room. Two double bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive to substantial garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £190,000

DUDLEY

Dibdale Road West

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated Kendrick built double fronted detached in favoured/now well established neighbourhood. Superb accommodation includes L-shape reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom with white suite, upgraded through dining kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden. Through living room with patio doors through to a magnificent uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (13' x 12'4"), three bedrooms (principal bedroom with recently reappointed shower room en suite), bathroom, lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950

DUDLEY

Fairview Road

A quite exceptional , tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) accommodation includes; reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory. FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

SEDGLEY

NEW PRICE

Longmeadow Drive, Northway

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £184,950, NOW £179,950

KINGSWINFORD

£5,000 REDUCTION

Conway Close

AN IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED BUNGLOW within a highly desirable location, close to shops, doctors surgery and public transport services, offering SPACIOUS and VERY WELL MAINTAINED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, large Lounge with Dining Area, spacious fitted Kitchen with appliances, Inner Hall, TWO BEDROOMS (Master having fitted wardrobes) and Shower Room. The bungalow is set back beyond a FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and a superb 'sunny' enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating – E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

LOWER GORNAL

Humphrey Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of "light beech" units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

COSELEY

Huntsman Close

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed & meticulously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed detached family home occupying a fine corner plot in favoured "backwater" within walking distance of so many amenities. The elegant accommodation comprises reception hall, reappointed/refitted cloaks/shower room, 17'6" through living room with patio doors & an "American walnut" feature overmantel, spacious dining kitchen with a fine range of units. Three generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), and a third bedroom with fitted wardrobes/cupboards), reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy driveway with brick garage, and sheltered landscaped garden. . EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £173,950

WOODSETTON

Brook Street

An exceptionally well appointed & extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been the subject of comprehensive expenditure in recent months "tranforming" the property to a stunning specification. Accommodation provides enlarged double glazed entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with elegant "limestone effect" fireplace with "living flame" gas fire, magnificent transverse 19ft "hub of the house" breakfast kitchen with "country cream" finish units & extensive granite worksurfaces, many integrated appliances, pantry & a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Three bedrooms (two with recently fitted units), reappointed with white traditional style suite (with 'slipper' bath), brick garage, block paved gardens to ensure low maintenance. STAMP DUTY PAID. EPC Rating:E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

PENSNETT

High Street

£9,000 REDUCTION

An IMMACULATE TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE set beyond a LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with a VERY LARGE SIDE GARDEN which offers ample space to extend or possibly develop (subject to permission) plus a PRIVATE REAR GARDEN, offering BEAUTIFULLY RE APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge with bay, through to Dining Room, LUXURY REFITTED KITCHEN with APPLIANCES, THREE BEDROOMS, LUXURY SHOWER ROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is enhanced further by the 31ft GARAGE plus useful WORKSHOP/ STORE. A RARE OPPORTUNITY – VIEW HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£164,950

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SEDGLEY

NEW PRICE

Queens Road

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character enviably situated within reasonable walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities together with open fields. Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling height), lounge with bay, transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen (with double French doors out to garden), lobby, store, w.c. Three generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite with chrome detailing, substantial brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £164,950, NOW £159,950

COSELEY

Mason Street

A highly individual, PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached of character (believed to be one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood) offering tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (18' deep), fitted cloakroom, spacious 21'6" lounge, 21' dining kitchen with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, bathroom. Potential car port space, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

COSELEY

Lansdowne Close, Bramford Estate

An attractive, significantly enhanced, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached enviably situated at head of relatively quiet cul de sac with appreciably LARGER THAN AVERAGE GARDEN. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with feature 'living flame' fireplace, dining room leading into a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. enhanced kitchen with tiled utility room beyond. Three generous bedrooms, tiled bathroom, garage, lengthy secluded/sheltererd rear garden with patio & summerhouse. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £150,000

TIPTON

Sedgley Road West

A LARGE, traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached family home with an imposing reception hall, sitting room (with double doors out to garden), dining with bay (open fireplace), tremendous 21'10" breakfast kitchen with a range of 'Ikea' high gloss white finish units (& double french doors out to garden), cellarette; to the first floor, there is a landing with three generous bedrooms, bathroom & separate toilet; to the second floor, further landing with good size fourth bedroom. Block paved parking to front & delightful, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

NEW PRICE

Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient district. The accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, extended lounge, wet/shower room, reconfigured kitchen. THREE BEDROOMS (bedroom one with fitted wardrobes & third bedroom enlarged into the eaves), bathroom. Garage, good sized garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £159,950, NOW £145,000

COSELEY

Chad Road, Bramford Estate

An absolutely outstanding, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (new combi boiler) semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent months to an exemplary specification. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, delightful lounge with bay, pantry, separate dining room, refitted kitchen. Three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom, garage, neat garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

A quite EXCEPTIONAL & successfully EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors to an exemplary specification in recent years. Probably one of the finest semis in the road, the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, dining room, store, extended 16'9" sitting room, extended/refitted 15'10" kitchen with a 'garden room' beyond incorporating fitted cloakroom & a laundry section. Three bedrooms, enlarged/reappointed bathroom with white suite & a staircase up to boarded loft space with 'velux' window. Off road parking & secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000

COSELEY

NEW PRICE

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £129,950, NOW £127,500

SEDGLEY

Lomond Road, Northway

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously upgraded & improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' in quiet 'backwater' convenient for so many amenities. Personal inspection vital to appreciate quality of the accommodation which includes uPVC double glazed entrance porch, 18ft reception hall, utility room, storage cupboards, lounge with box bay, dining room (with patio doors to garden) & refitted kitchen with superb range of 'beech' effect units with integrated oven, hob & extractor. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a fine range of 'cherrywood' effect fitted units to contemporary white suite/shower. Secluded well tended rear garden with extensive decking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £125,000

KINGSWINFORD

£5,000 REDUCTION

Standhills Road

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LOWER GORNAL

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LOWER GORNAL

Autumn Drive

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and an internal inspection is highly recommended. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises; entrance hall, spacious through lounge, refitted kitchen. Three good size bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Driveway and rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

COSELEY

Corfe Road, Hurst Hill

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout set at head of cul de sac with good distant views. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge, kitchen (with oven, hob & filter), pantry, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & brick GARAGE, delightful expertly tended sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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LOWER GORNAL

Brook Street

A highly individual, spacious, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed end terrace of character within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes 22'7" through living/dining room (with some exposed beams) & a kitchen beyond. To the first floor is a principal (21ft overall) bedroom suite having clearly defined dressing section with bedroom beyond, a further double bedroom 2 and a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Neat secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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COSELEY

Berrington Drive

A Freehold, gas centrally heated, and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached in cul-de-sac just off Ivyhouse Lane conveniently situated for so many amenities, bus/rail transport routes etc. The property comprises; canopy porch (bin store off), entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, and a further store, kitchen, living/dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive (garage space subject to regulations), and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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PENSNETT

NEW PRICE

Chelmar Drive

This double glazed, part centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. The property, which would now ideally benefit from cosmetic upgrading/improvement, briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, shower room, lawned gardens, and garage to rear. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£109,950

PENSNETT

Chapel Street

This well presented, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may especially appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c. fabulous CONSERVATORY ADDITION, three good bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway providing ample parking, and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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COSELEY

Paul Street, Hurst Hill

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL ! An EXTENDED, freehold semi detached in popular/convenient district but now requiring comprehensive refurbishment. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, enlarged 16ft dining room, understair store, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded garden. EPC Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888.

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Situated in a quiet cul de sac just off Limes Road, this traditional uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & may especially appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, first floor w.c., driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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DUDLEY

Linwood Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid townhouse is situated in an established location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Driveway, and lawned rear garden, EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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NEW PRICE

Hawbush Road

Enjoying a position within this established address, this MOST APPEALING AND THOUGHTFULLY ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING and SOME DOUBLE GLAZING, and is seen to comprise: porch, reception hall, generous sitting room, kitchen, rear hall with guests cloakroom off, two good bedrooms and bathroom. Large gated slabbed driveway and with an easily manageable rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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BRIERLEY HILL

NEW PRICE

Cooper Avenue

This traditional style, majority uPVC Double Glazed, TWO BEDROOM Semi Detached property would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Good Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Area

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UPPER GORNAL

Duke Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. EPC Rating D.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £61,950

Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Mirage turns out to be a delightful reality

IMAGINE you are trekking across a desert and you've drunk the last of your water. Desperate to slake your thirst there in the distance is a shimmering lifesaver – an oasis.

Freshwater surrounded by palm tress. But get closer and it turns out to be yet another pile of sand, a mirage.

Imagine your car has finally given up the ghost and you need to replace those wheels very quickly. You spot a car on a forecourt called a Mirage and from a distance it looks delightful, tempting you to go closer. As you approach it gets better and better and it doesn't melt away into nothingness.

When you open the door and climb inside the Mirage is exactly the opposite to the meaning of the word, an optical illusion which is unobtainable. For this car from Mitsubishi is certainly no illusion and is certainly attainable with a price tag starting at £8,999.

Well enough of all that flowery talk and let's get down to the meat of this small car, a return to Mitsubishi's roots of producing quality cars in this sector. It's the car that replaced the Colt and is stylish and well equipped. On top of that it produces less than 100 grams of CO2 which means it's zero-rated for Vehicle Excise Duty and if you take it to London there's no congestion charge. And you won't be taking a bank loan to pay for fuel as you get between 65.7 and 68.9mpg across the range, as I discovered. Too often those fuel claims are optimistic for normal use in day-to-day driving but not so here.

Compact with a well laid out control panel – the Mirage 3 automatic model

This new good-looker from Mitsubishi takes over from the ever popular Colt

The Mirage is powered by a new generation of lightweight small petrol engines with two choices. A very low and frugal 1-litre on the Mirage 1, and the 1.2-litre, 3-cylinder engine that has a stop and go feature as standard, which I tested and thoroughly enjoyed.

The 1-litre will give you 71ps and the 1.2-litre 80ps which was ample to get me about. A 5-speed manual transmission is standard and there's a CVT auto on the top specification vehicle. And that CVT is an excellent worker.

The three trim levels of Mirage are designed to appeal to buyers on all manner of budgets and with all kinds of requirements.

The entry-level 1.0-litre version of the car may be the base model but it's still packed with a host of equipment. Included are front electric windows; side air dams; a tyre repair kit; AM/FM radio/CD with two speakers; a glovebox USB terminal and stability and traction control. Next in the range is Mirage 2 which comes with the 1.2 manual engine. This adds a host of extras, the main one of which is arguably Mitsubishi's clever Auto Stop & Go system. There's a seat height adjuster for the driver; rain-sensing wipers; privacy glass, autolights and bright interior door handles. Other features that are sure to appeal include air conditioning, a pollen filter, electricdoor mirrors and an outside temperature gauge.

Mirage 3, available with either automatic or manual transmission, includes everything Mirage 2 has to offer plus front fog lamps, a leather steering wheel and gear knob and a keyless entry system with push-button start. Automatic air-conditioning with a pollen filter enhances the package still further, as do the front fog lamps. Mitsubishi took note of buyers' needs on safety and that worked with it gaining good marks with Euro NCAP giving Mirage a very high 4-star rating.

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Motoring

RAC patrols fit the 'universal' spare wheel, which is suitable for a high proportion of vehicles

Universal spare wheel is now the way forward for motorists

FOLLOWING a rise in the number of manufacturers that fit emergency tyre inflation kits instead of spare wheels, the RAC has introduced a 'universal' spare wheel to handle call-outs for unfixable punctures.

Many cars now come with a tyre inflation kit as standard, as this saves a significant amount of weight and therefore helps overall CO2 emissions. But some punctures or a complete blow-out can't be fixed with the tyre sealant systems.

According to the RAC, in the 12 months up to August 2012, it responded to 87,000 breakdowns involving a puncture on a vehicle with no spare, and in the 12 months ending in August 2013 this increased to approximately 120,000.

However, the RAC claims its 'universal' spare wheel, which fits the majority of cars that don't have a spare wheel fitted as standard, is the answer.

Developed with specialist manufacturer Dynomec working in partnership with tyre expert ATS Euromaster, the five-stud, 17in lightweight alloy multi-fit wheel fits a high proportion of vehicles and will significantly cut down the time spent by members at the roadside, often in potentially dangerous situations such as on the hard shoulder of motorways.

RAC patrols will fit the wheel quickly and liaise with the nearest ATS Euromaster centre on their behalf to find out what replacements are available. Payment can be taken at the roadside by the RAC patrol, ensuring the customer can drive straight to ATS Euromaster, or book a mobile fitting at their convenience.

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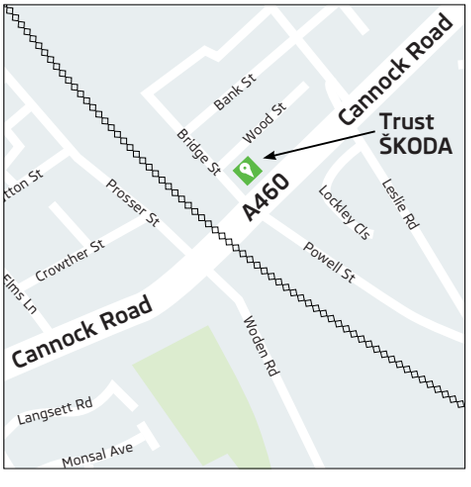

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Motoring

MG3 supermini promises to be an attractive little package

The MG3 has a Group 4E insurance rating, making it the cheapest car in its sector to get cover for

THE new MG3 supermini has been given insurance ratings that start at Group 4E, making it the cheapest car in its sector to get cover for.

MG hopes this will make the MG3 appealing to young drivers who might struggle with high insurance costs.

Despite the low ratings, the MG3 has a credible 105bhp petrol engine, and prices start at £8,399 for the 3TIME base model.

Stability

Even the top-spec trim only ups the cost to £9,999, and it's this value that MG is relying on. Every MG3 comes with LED daytime running lights, hill hold function, six airbags and ESP stability control.

Andrew Lowerson, MG's product manager, says: "We've made a car that's very affordable, fun to drive and offers more styling options than most in this class. Now the low insurance rankings have been announced, it's the icing on the cake for us."

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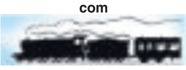

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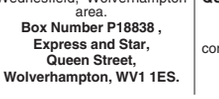

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Glassboys in hat after last-gasp spot-kick

FA Cup 2nd Qualifier
Stourbridge 3
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GARY HACKETT'S men scraped through to the third qualifying round thanks to Sean Geddes' injury-time penalty.

The Royals opened the scoring when Luke Chapman's free-kick was headed back across goal towards the six-yard area and Thompson was in close proximity to shoot past Coleman.

Two goals in five minutes from Ben Billingham put Stourbridge in the lead.

In the 67th minute a kick from Coleman was flicked on by Ryan Rowe and Billingham got the wrong side of his marker to find himself through on the right-hand side of the box. He kept his head to clip the ball into the far corner of the net.

On 71 minutes Stourbridge won a free-kick just outside the Sutton box and Billingham curled the ball round the wall and with the aid of a slight deflection, found the net.

In the 86th minute Lee Parson restored parity for Sutton.

With a replay looking likely, a Geddes corner dropped to Bennett and his shot hit Scott Lycett, who was a-judged to have handled. He was sent-off and Geddes stroked the spot-kick home.

TV pundit Claridge is star speaker

BBC TV pundit and ex-Wolves player Steve Claridge will be the speaker at a Sportsmans' Evening at Stourbridge FC's War Memorial Athletic Ground on Friday, October 25.

Claridge also has extensive knowledge of the non-league scene, having been player-manager at Weymouth previously and he also helped Gosport Borough to win the first of their back-to-back promotions in 2012.

The Sportsman's Evening at the Glassboys Bar will also feature Evertonian comedian Jamie Sutherland.

Doors open at 7 pm and hot foodwill be served at around 8 pm. Tickets are £25. Please contact chairman Andy Pountney on 07870 275001 or e-mail him at andyp@andyfreight.co.uk

Yeltz prove too much for visitors in cup

Halesowen Town 4 Tipton 0

Tipton Town

TIPTON'S FA Cup dream came crashing down at The Yeltz as they produced a display of high-energy attacking and resolute defending.

Tipton will be disappointed in their performance on their big day but Halesowen simply did not allow any time to settle and outperformed their lower league rivals in every department.

Matt Martin – making his debut for Tipton in goal replacing James Pemberton – had a busy afternoon and, to his credit, was as responsible as anyone for keeping the score down. Rob Perks denied Iysden Christie the opener when he blocked his goal-bound effort on 20 minutes.

But the resistance broke on 21 minutes when a Tom Tonks' long-throw into the Tipton box found the head of Chris Waterhouse, who put it past his own keeper.

Slapstick defending from Tipton saw several failed attempts at a clearance punished when Neil McKenzie rifled home from range.

Despite the dominance of the home side, Tipton did make some excursions and the fleet-footed duo of Mensah Kinch and Marvin Nisbett carved open some opportunities. The two-goal deficit at half time was not a fair reflection on the first half performance by Halesowen, a level that was to continue in the second half.

Within minutes of the restart Matt Martin produced an excellent save from Ben Haseley – whose time to shine would soon arrive – after a botched attempt at a header back by Joe Rogers let the striker in.

Haseley was again wasteful three minutes later, bundling over the bar from close range after brilliant work by Christie. But like all good strikers, – he kept going and got his reward on 55 minutes when a long pass deep into the Tipton half again required Martin to gamble and come out of his area but was unable to deal with the awkward pass.

Haseley found himself with the ball at his feet, an open net and all the time in the world to make it 3-0.

Martin produced a great save to stop Chris Lait's volley from the edge of the area on 65 minutes and from the resulting corner Kinch cleared from the line to deny Turner. But nobody could do anything about Haseley's second on 73 minutes as a the striker caught a long pass on the volley from 30 yards to make it 4-0.

Tipton continued pressing hard and Nisbett manufactured a chance for himself on 85 minutes which narrowly missed Sam Pearson's far post.

Martin again produced the goods to deny Adam Meacham as the game moved into the final minutes but was unable to prevent Haseley wrapping up a deserved treble after excellent work down by substitute Nigel Penney.

Students fail to make the grade in this loss

Loughborough University 1 Tividale 2

AFTER 10 days of cup disappointment, it was great to get back to some league action. Trouble was, this on paper was one of the best footballing sides in the league.

Tividale

Well, Tividale gave this set of post graduates a footballing lesson and if the score had been five or six, Loughborough would have still got off lightly. Tividale were at them from the off. One of the first attacks skipper Richard Huckfield picked up a cut on his eyebrow and had to go off returning with a Terry Butcher-style head bandage.

Tividale should have been at least a goal up in those opening minutes with Brett Clark and Nathan Waite both testing Students' keeper Brendan Hazlett.

Yet it was the Students who took the lead on 19 minutes, when the jet-heeled Tristan Dunkley went past Tividale's Jason Chilton and Tim Jackson like they were stuck in reverse and his hard and low cross was met perfectly by Jack Beckett and his first time shot went in via the underside of the crossbar.

Despite protests from Tividale keeper Charles Price and his defence that the assistant had not signalled the ball had crossed the line, the referee was in no doubt and gave the goal.

There followed a period of indiscipline were the Students were happy to waste time while the visitors started to get frustrated and it was in the middle of this period on 25 minutes that Tividale levelled.

Clark was sent through by Chris Field and he was brought down in the area by Students' defender Daniel Brenan.

Strike partner Waite took the spot kick and although the shot was parried by Hazlett diving full stretch to his left, the rebound fell back to Waite, who coolly slotted home.

The Students immediately went into preserve-what-they-had mode and spent the rest of the half wasting as much time as possible much to the frustration of the visitors who picked up a couple of avoidable bookings.

Loughborough's game plan in the second half was simple: defend for all their worth.

They were constantly pressed on to the edge of their own penalty as Tividale poured forward at will.

They stood their ground until from the last of several desperate corners deep into injury time that Huckfield rose and powered home a header that broke Students' hearts.

Players are bowled over by new-look uniform

Members of the BCBC in their new-look club T-shirts. The club is also looking for new recruits

BOWLERS will be kitted in new colours when their season gets under way next year.

The Black Country Bowls Club is the largest flat green bowls club in the Dudley borough with more than 60 members.

The club has ditched its traditional white shirts and club ties in favour of new T-shirts in club colours. The outdoor season has drawn to a close, with the new season set to start in April.

New members are welcome to join the club, which plays on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as three evenings a week on the flat green behind Wollescote Hall, in Wollescote Park, Pedmore. Home and away matches are played against clubs in Worcestershire, Warwickshire, South Staffs and Shropshire, while games are also played during bowling trips away.

To join, or for further information, call secretary Brian Simmonds on 01384 831019.

No worries for Dan with return of his form

IN-FORM Dudley ace Dan Greenwood refuses to be fazed by a return to the main body of the side after a fine run of form.

He bounced back from a frustrating first half of the season by putting in some strong showings at reserve.

The pick of those performances came as he stormed to a sublime paid maximum to lead Heathens to a comprehensive 59-31 victory in the play-off semi-final first leg at Monmore Green against the Isle of Wight last week.

But his flying form means he has now returned to their main body of the side - although he is adamant he can cope with the challenge after recapturing his confidence.

Greenwood said: "Things have been going well for me the last few weeks – the paid max against Isle of Wight was great and I just want to keep my form going now.

"I had a slow start to the season but I've got my confidence back up now and I'm riding well again.

"I don't necessarily think it's going to reserve that has helped me - I'm still getting the same sorts of rides against the same riders.

"I've been riding a lot more over the second half of the season and I guess I'm a rider who needs a lot of track time, so that's helped me a lot.

"I'm feeling more comfortable on the bike and I'm gating quite well, so I'm just looking to keep doing the same over the rest of the season. I don't think going to the main body again will make that much difference."

O'Hara not part of plan

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has delivered another crushing snub to Jamie O'Hara.

The £5m midfielder joined a mixed squad for one training session to make up the numbers.

Some fans have called for exiled O'Hara, who earns an estimated £20,000-a-week, to be recalled, while others insist his time is up after falling out with supporters at the end of last season.

Jackett suggested he hasn't considered a U-turn on the 26-year-old.

"It's not something I've thought about too much," said Jackett.

"He's not in my plans up to now," added Jackett.

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Jubilant Heathens in final of knockout

King's Lynn 44
Dudley Heathens 46
Dudley win 102-78 on aggregate

JUBILANT Dudley Heathens are through to their second successive Knockout Cup Final after a stunning win at King's Lynn.

Heathens already carried a 22 point lead from the first legand it was another superb night for the men in Green, Red and White.

After suffering Grand Final heartache in the competition last year, team boss Will Pottinger is relishing the chance to seize glory this time around.

Said Pottinger: "We're absolutely delighted with the result – it was a great team effort with everybody contributing .

"We're looking forward to the final now, and hopefully we can manage to go one step further than last year."

Skipper Ashley Morris top scored, with solid support from fellow heat leaders Paul Starke and Lewis Blackbird. But it was at reserve that the match was won as both Dan Greenwood and Nathan Greaves enjoyed superb evenings.

KING'S LYNN 44: Robert Lambert 15, Lewis Kerr 10+2, Jake Knight 8+2, Darren Mallett 7+1, Shane Hazelden 2+1, Shane Waldron 2, Lewis Rose R/R.

DUDLEY 46: Ashley Morris 13, Nathan Greaves 9+2, Dan Greenwood 7+2, Paul Starke 7, Lewis Blackbird 7, Max Clegg 3+2, Gareth Isherwood 0.

Lucky 13 for Yeltz ladies

Woodstar 0
Halesowen Ladies 13

Halesowen travelled to Walsall wood to take on Woodstar expecting a tough game.

But the Yeltz ladies raised their game and overwhelmed the host side.

Striker Sian Whitthall scored four goals in 22 minutes with some neat finishing and outstanding team play.

Captain Lyndsey Glover scored twice and Halesowen were 6-0l at half time.

In the second half Haley Chatwin scored within the first minute helped by Rachel Letford. Midfielder Sarah Hammily scored her first Yeltz goal, Sabrina Dale set up Letford who got a second half hat-trick.

Skipper Glover finished the rout with a well-taken penalty. Manger Scott Mckee said: "The team performance was outstanding."

Clegg delight as he becomes a club asset

Heathens asset Max Clegg flanked by Will Pottinger and chairman Nigel Pearson

Speedway

POPULAR youngster Max Clegg was officially unveiled as a Dudley Heathens club asset prior to their play-off tie with Isle of Wight last Tuesday night.

The 16-year-old signed his contract on parade before the impressive 59-31 victory over the Islanders.

The former Cradley club fought off interest from a host of other clubs to secure the signature of the highly-rated youngster, who has been in sensational form throughout 2013.

Clegg celebrated the news with a superb 7+2 point haul to help Heathens to victory, and he later revealed his delight at formally becoming a Dudley rider. He said: "It's great to sign for a club like this - I've really enjoyed riding here this year so it's great to become an asset.

"I just want to thank the fans for all their support and the management for giving me this opportunity.

"It's a good move for me and hopefully I can have a good career here in the future."

Meanwhile, Dudley will carry a healthy 28-point lead into their National League play-off semi-final second leg following the victory over Isle of Wight at Monmore Green, giving them a healthy advantage ahead of the trip to Smallbrook.

Reserve Dan Greenwood led the charge in fine style as he flew to a five-ride paid maximum, whilst Ashley Morris also suffered just one defeat with a fine showing.

Lewis Blackbird battled bike problems to notch nine while Paul Starke bagged a useful 11 from the No.1 position.

DUDLEY 59: Ashley Morris 14, Dan Greenwood 11+4, Paul Starke 11, Lewis Blackbird 9, Max Clegg 7+2, Gareth Isherwood 6+2, Nathan Greaves 1+1: ISLE OF WIGHT 31: Steve Worrall 16, Darryl Ritchings 6, Danny Stoneman 4+1, Tom Perry 3, Chris Widman 2+1, Brendan Johnson 0, Ben Hopwood R/R.

OLD RIVALS RETURN AND INFLICT DEFEAT

Dudley Kingswinford 24 Luctonians 30

The second home game of the season saw another match against old rivals.

The Luctonians travelled to Heathbrook buoyed by three wins from the first three games of the season.

Jimmy Gore made his first start of the season for DK and Jordan Brookes moved into the 13 shirt allowing Connah Jones to make his first start at scrum half. Up front the pack remained much the same with Pete Knight returning in the back row and Jamie Ramsey retaining No 8 shirt for the injured Jon Tideswell.

Rugby

The home side opened the scoring. Following a line out the ball was moved to Brookes, who was stopped short of the line for prop Steve Blackburn to score his first try for the club, which was comfortably converted by fly-half Gareth Bown.

DK then lost concentration and the ball to give away a penalty allowing full back John Morris to calm Lucts nerves with a score.

Missed

Lucts were awarded a penalty following an alleged high tackle allowing Luctonians John Morris to reduce the deficit by three points with a successful penalty.

Luctonians won the kick-off and following a succession of missed first up tackles by DK the ball was moved wide to the lively Lucts winger Drew Cheshire to score an unconverted try.

Undeterred and spurred on by this reversal, DK ran the ball back at Luctionians and on 35 mins a break allowed Liam Marshall to race for the line to score under the posts. The try was converted by Bown.

The second half began in the same lively spirit with DK taking the ball up to the Lucts line following a break by Brookes, Matt Squires went over for an unconverted try.

On 50 minutes as Lucts began to empty their bench they began to take a grip on the game which to this point had been extremely even.

Missed tackles allowed outside centre Norris to score wide out. As Lucts stepped up the pace their inventive back line was skilfully lead by the impressive No10 Will Burton, who dummied his way unopposed to score a well-deserved try converted by Morris.

Lucts stormed back into the DK 22 and No8 Paul Hulland scored their bonus point try on the hour which Morris converted.

DK continued to batter the Lucts line and their defences were eventually broken as the hardworking Luke Greenwood nipped over for the bonus point try.

As the game moved into injury time DK pressed hard for another score and battered the opposition line.

As the referee penalised DK for a crooked feed into a scum so this pulsating game ended.

DK lock Nick Murphy powers his way through the defenceduring the match in which they lost against Luctonians

Credit us for victory says boss

BOSS Steve Clarke has demanded credit for Albion's historic Old Trafford victory – and claimed the Baggies are changing their big-match mindset.

The Hawthorns head coach urged pundits to praise his team instead of launching United post-mortems in the wake of Albion's 2-1 win on Saturday.

He claimed the Baggies now believe they can upset the Premier League's big boys on a regular basis after ending the club's 35-year wait for an Old Trafford win.

"I want to make sure that we get the credit we deserve," said Clarke.

"Sometimes when you go to the home of a big team and manage to get a good result against them, everybody talks about how bad they were.

"But on Saturday we were excellent and everybody should concentrate on us.

"We defended well, as we have all season, we were strong and solid.

"Everybody did their work and the midfield were solid, had a good shape and passed the ball well.

"And our creative players created and that's why you have them in the team. The two goals were excellent."

Varnish puts the finish on race

OLYMPIC champions Laura Trott and Jason Kenny proved their calibre by winning gold on day three of the British Cycling National Track Championships in Manchester.

Halesowen's Jess Varnish claimed her second title of the week, following up her success in the women's 500m time trial on Wednesday with success in the sprint championships.

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